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PROSPERITY IS INDICATED BY RECEIPTS HERE

Postoffice in Vernon Did Approximately 20 Per Cent More Business for First Three Quarters of 1923 Than Same Period in 1922

Vernon's growth during the year 1923 is indicated in many ways. The enrollment of school children is one sure indication of an increased population, increased in telephones installed is another sure indication, but one of the most reliable methods of establishing an increased population and an increase in business is through the postoffice receipts.

Postoffice business, unlike any other business, depends entirely upon prosperity of the people of the community in which it is located. The rules of the postoffice department do not allow the postmaster to solicit business and the growth is based on stamp sales and box rentals only, no money order business being counted.

While the last quarter of this year has been one of unusually heavy business at the postoffice and the holiday season brought on one of the heaviest rushes in the history of the postoffice, the figures on the amount of business will not be completed until some time in January. But for the three previous quarters an increase just about 20 per cent in postoffice business was shown over the same period for the year 1922, according to the records in the office of Postmaster J. Farrell. For the quarter ending March 31, 1922, the Vernon postoffice did \$5849.07 in business and for the same period in 1923 it did \$7,891.77 business; for the quarter ending June 30, 1922, the amount of business was \$5,399.52 as compared to \$7,426.29 for the same period in 1923 and in the quarter ending September 30, 1922, the total amounted to \$6,747.29 compared to \$8,848.88 for the same quarter in 1923. The growth, as is shown by the figures, has been steady and a gain has been registered during each quarter. This, according to Postmaster Farrell, and according to generally accepted standards of estimating, indicates clearly that Vernon has grown rapidly and that general conditions have been good during 1923.

Farm Bureau to Elect Officers Next Saturday

The meeting of members of the Farm Bureau and Cotton Growers' associations of Wilbarger county which was to have been held yesterday afternoon for the annual election of officers and to name a delegate to the State Farm Bureau Convention to be held in Dallas January 15 and 16, was postponed on account of the weather. It is now scheduled to be held at the library at 2 o'clock next Saturday afternoon, January 5.

Despite the cold weather there were about 20 farmers present for the meeting yesterday, but since it is desired to have a majority of the membership present, it was decided not to meet until the weather was such as to permit them to attend.

New Year Comes With Vernon in Grip of Freeze

New Year 1924 was ushered in with the mercury hovering around the 18 degree point, which is the coldest it has been on the same date here in several years, according to records at the Fort Worth and Denver. At 7:30 o'clock this morning it was 14 degrees against 10 degrees registered at 8 o'clock yesterday morning.

When the year 1923 was ushered in as a new year the temperature stood at 26 degrees and by 8 o'clock on New Year's morning it was climbing. At noon it was 66 and was at the same stage in the late afternoon.

LAST OF TRIPLETS DIES HERE NEW YEAR'S DAY

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Duke died this morning at an early hour at their home in North Vernon. Funeral services will be conducted this afternoon at 3 o'clock at their home and interment will be made in East View cemetery. The mother has been critically ill since the birth of the triplets, Christmas day. The other two lived a few hours.

CHARGES HUSBAND TRIED TO SELL HER.



Elsie LaMaie and Mrs. Helen LaMaie

The entire country has been aroused by the charge of Mrs. Helen LaMaie, who alleged in the Los Angeles courts that her husband, Elsie LaMaie, Hollywood motion picture director, had tried to sell her to Lou Harris, an immensely wealthy negro gambler at Tia Juana, Mexico for \$500,000, of which, she alleges, she was to receive \$150,000 if she permitted herself to be sold. LaMaie denies the charges.

FOOTBALL GAME SET FOR FRIDAY

POSTPONED BECAUSE WEATHER UNCOMFORTABLE FOR SPECTATORS TEAMS SAY

The gigantic football game between the Elk and Shrine Clubs of Vernon which was to have been held at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon at the Fair Grounds, has been postponed until Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The game was postponed because the weather would not permit the spectators to enjoy the game in comfort.

Both teams staunchly deny that either of them wanted the game postponed. "Teles and ice water is pie to our team. Every man on the team has been taking a bath in ice water just before practice at 4 o'clock each morning," said Seth P. Ingram, manager of the Shrine team. "Yes, it is entirely for the public that we are postponing the game for most of our team is used to zero temperature and even less so that the little cold that prevails now would be just right to cool them off a little. In fact some of my men had the fans turned on just before practice this morning," said Roy Russell, generalissimo of the Elk team.

At any rate, the game will be played next Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, unless the weather is too severe. The parade will start from downtown at 1 o'clock.

O. L. Pearson Buys McDonald Empire Laundry Interest

O. L. Pearson has bought the interest of K. G. McDonald in the Empire Laundry and has assumed active management. Mr. Pearson has been interested in the laundry for some time but Mr. McDonald has been manager.

Mr. Pearson has one of the longest records in the laundry business of any man in this section of the state. The laundry is one of the largest in this immediate territory.

Flue Fires Kept Fire Department Going Yesterday

Two flue fires yesterday morning caused the fire department to make runs during the coldest part of the day. At 8:15 o'clock a flue in the home of Mrs. Henry Schmetz, in Southwest Vernon, caught fire and did a small amount of damage. At 8:30 o'clock a flue in the home of Sid Vaughn on Lexington street, caught fire and did nominal damage.

In both cases the flames were extinguished by the fire department before they had time to spread.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED TOTAL 262 FOR YEAR 1923

Marriage licenses to the number of 262 were issued during 1923 by J. W. Brock, Jr., county clerk. Up to date and not including the records destroyed by fire, years ago, 4,083 couples have been granted licenses to wed.

Firemen Slightly Hurt

Sid Vaughn was slightly injured yesterday morning at 3 o'clock when driving to the fire with the old Fire Truck. He was going at full speed when the hood was hurled from the truck and struck him in the face. He was not seriously injured.

JOE PARKER SELLS STORE

PIONEER GROCERYMAN DISPOSES OF INTEREST TO WICHITA FALLS MAN

Announcement was made today that C. H. Parker of Wichita Falls, owner of a string of cash and carry groceries, has bought the interest of Joe Parker in the Parker-Donges store in Vernon. Joe Parker, one of the pioneer merchants of the city, will retire from the business and take active management of his ranch and other interests.

Adam Donges will be actively in charge of the store, which is undergoing a re-organization, and it will be a cash and carry store beginning today. Mr. Donges said the store will be opened at the same place and he will devote his entire time to its management.

The original Parker, Gill and Colbert store, which later became Parker Donges after other changes, was the first store in Vernon. It was known throughout this section of Texas and Oklahoma.

Music Makers to Be Here Bring Unusual Harmony

The Music Makers, a quartet, the last number of the Federated Clubs Lyceum Course, will be at the Vernon Theater Thursday night of this week. The quartet is composed of four male voices and they all rank among the best on the circuit.

The numbers to be given will be vocal and instrumental and have been selected so that there will be music which will please all classes of music lovers. Tickets are on sale at the Baker Drug Store.

Attendance Law To Be Enforced in City Schools

The Texas laws require all children between the ages of eight and fourteen years of age to attend school one hundred days during the year, is announced by E. L. Dehoney, Superintendent of the city schools.

The trustees of the Vernon city schools have set the last five months of the session as the compulsory period. Beginning next Monday, January 7, all children within the above age limits must attend school for the next five scholastic months.

LOCKETT COUPLE MARRY HERE SATURDAY

Henry Jordan and Miss Vonne Ross, both of the Lockett community, were married by T. J. Griffiths, justice of the peace, Saturday afternoon in his office in the court house.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ross, prominent family of Lockett, and Mr. Jordan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Jordan, well known family and long residents of Wilbarger county. The young couple will make their home in the Lockett community.

JOINT INSTALLATION OF I. O. O. F. AND REBEKAHS

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs at Elliott will hold a joint installation tonight at Elliott. J. A. Baird, district deputy, will be in charge of the installation ceremonies. A number of members from both branches of the order will attend from Vernon.

FIREMEN BATTLE FLAMES DRIVEN BY NORTH WIND

Four Residences Totally Destroyed with \$10,300 Damage Early Monday Morning and Three Families Lose All Belongings

Four five-room houses on Deaf Smith Street near the railroad track, were totally destroyed by fire just after 3 o'clock Monday morning and a fifth house was damaged to the extent of approximately \$1000. Occupants of the houses sustained practically a total loss of their household goods which, except in one case, was uninsured. An unofficial estimate of the loss in buildings and contents is placed at \$10,300.

The fire originated in the residence occupied by D. O. Sampson on the North side of the block. Mr. Sampson was away from home and when Mrs. Sampson discovered the flames, she had barely time to leave the building and saved only a trunk and some bed clothing. The strong wind from the north blew the flames toward the adjoining house, which was vacant and before the alarm was turned in the place was ablaze. As the fire department arrived, the house occupied by the Sampsons was falling in. Fighting against the strong wind, with the frame houses burning almost like paper and the water freezing about the nozzle of the fire hose and on the clothing of the firemen, the volunteer firemen battled the flames to a standstill on the fifth house in the block, which was occupied by W. E. Fuels, D. H. West and family occupied the third house.

The buildings were partially covered by insurance. Mrs. Sampson, who was ill at home, was suffering Monday from the shock and was under care of a physician.

In addition to the loss of buildings and furniture, D. H. West is reported to have lost \$1000 in Liberty Bonds.

The families driven from their homes by the flames were busy hunting houses Monday.

County Lines Defined Now by Markers

Concrete markers were placed last week defining the boundaries of the county by H. L. Coleman, and assistants. The markers are concrete posts, five feet in height and are placed on the East, West and South lines of the county. Red River bounds the county on the north and no marker will be placed on that side, states Mr. Coleman.

Two markers were placed at each boundary. The ones on the East are just at the beginning of the paving leading into Elberta. The West boundary is about one mile west of the Midway school house and the third and south markers are placed about four and one-half miles south of the Mack school house. Several citizens traveling the roads on which these markers have been placed state that they thought they were "seeing" things when their gaze first rested on the posts which from a distance, looked like head stones.

REBEKAHS ENTERTAIN WITH CHRISTMAS TREE

Members of the local Rebekah lodge entertained Friday night with a Christmas tree at the Odd Fellow hall.

The members sang Christmas carols and Miss Ruth Carney delighted the audience with a reading. The guests were entertained with guessing games, contests and stunts until a late hour. The tree was very beautiful and though quite late in the week Santa Claus surprised his friends by making a return visit and distributing the gifts from the tree.

Mrs. Bailey Is Recovering

Mrs. J. S. Bailey of Farmers Valley community, who submitted to a serious operation Friday at a local sanitarium, is reported to be recovering rapidly. Her husband and daughter, Mrs. Lela Oliver, of the Bailey High community, are with her and her father, Jim Ward and brother, Jim Ward, Jr., of Tulsa, also came for the operation.

Raises 35 Bales of Cotton

S. E. Hite of the Red River community, was in Vernon yesterday on business. Mr. Hite said that while he raised only 35 bales of cotton this year, where he had expected to raise 50 bales, that the price in cotton more than made up for the difference 50 bales brought last year.

BEST CONCRETE IN TEXAS USED ON ROADS HERE

Test by Highway Department and University Proves Roads in Wilbarger Built of Best Material That They Have Tested

Concrete used in the construction of Wilbarger county roads has passed a test which has never been equaled by any concrete of the same age, tested by the State Highway Department or the State University Engineering Department. This fact developed when information on the test was given County Judge Warlick and County Commissioner A. M. Bourland.

While the concrete was being poured on the Fargo road, Engineer J. R. Nabers took some of the concrete from behind the mixer as it was poured onto the road, placed it in a pasteboard cylinder container six inches in diameter and 12 inches high. The concrete contained the exact mixture, proportion and all that was put on the entire road and is the mixture Mr. Nabers has maintained for the road he has built in this county. He placed the concrete aside until the following day then it was placed in the road beside the other concrete, covered with dirt and kept wet for 14 days just as the road concrete is treated.

The Concrete Cylinder was sent to the State Highway Department and there the total capacity of the tester was used and put 111,000 pounds of pressure on the cylinder but failed to break it. It was then taken to the Engineering Department at the University of Texas, where it was crushed with 141,500 pounds of pressure which was 5200 pounds to the square inch. Concrete which withstands 3000 pounds to the square inch is first class and passed as such by the Highway Department. The statement was made at Austin that only once has the department tested concrete that withstood as much pressure as that sent from the road here and then the concrete was about four months old, making it more seasoned.

TO OBSERVE BIRTHDAY OF GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE

The 19th day of January will be the birthday of Robert E. Lee, and on that day there will be services at the First Christian Church of Elberta to commemorate the birthday of this Noble and Christian. An interesting program will be rendered among which will be an address by Col. Ed C. Wilson, a Confederate Veteran on the life of Lee from his birth to his death and burial. All Confederate Veterans, Sons and Daughters, and Widows of Confederate soldiers, and others of Wilbarger County are invited to attend. The services will commence at 7:30 p. m.

Automobile Licenses.

New cars were registered by owners last week as follows: M. M. Gann, Ford; H. B. Farrell, Star; Henry Marsh, Ford; E. B. Owen, Ford; J. H. Kinchloe, Studebaker; W. J. Showers, Ford; W. H. Stroud, Dodge Sedan; A. B. Huff, Ford; T. J. Wainson, Ford; S. E. Swin, Ford; Minarik and Malloy, Ford; G. P. Hill, Ford; H. Tucker, Ford; Gus Schumann, Ford; Mrs. J. O. Rouse, Ford; A. C. Daniel, Ford; N. F. Strickland, Ford; H. P. Killel, Ford; R. W. Brantley, Ford.

Government Ginning Report.

Official government report of cotton ginned in Wilbarger County up to December 13, 1923, shows 19,043 as compared to 25,777 bales for the same period last year. The report was sent to J. E. Lutz, official reporter for the Department of Agriculture in this county.

Bailey Recovers Car.

Deputy Sheriff R. J. Bailey recovered a Ford car last week for officers in Meridian, Texas. Officers sent word out about the missing automobile and within a few hours after the notice reached here, the car was recovered by the deputy sheriff.

Arrested in Oklahoma.

W. M. Williamson, indicted by a recent grand jury on a felony charge involving a statutory offense, was arrested near Grandfield, Oklahoma, Friday night of last week by officers from the Sheriff's department here and was brought back to Vernon.

Has 11-Pound Boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer E. Wilson announce the birth of a 11-pound son, December 31. The boy was given the name Fontaine Brooks Wilson.

GENERAL WOOD'S SON MAKES \$800,000.



Lieut. Osborne Wood.

Lieutenant Osborne Cutler Wood, son and aide of Governor-General Leonard Wood, of the Philippines, is soon to resign from the army to seek a diplomatic career. Young Wood, only 26, has "cleaned up" \$800,000 by stock market transactions. General Wood, a man of small means himself, put an end to his son's financial transactions, believing it unwise for a young man to make so great a fortune rapidly. General Wood's son caused the War Department to make an investigation, which resulted in showing that Lieutenant Wood's transactions had been absolutely legitimate and straightforward stock deals, in which he showed remarkable financial acumen. None of his dealings were in Philippine securities, Lieutenant Wood believing it wrong to deal in stocks which might be influenced by any of his father's official actions. Young Wood, a Harvard graduate, enlisted as a private in 1918, but failed to get overseas. He was appointed a Second Lieutenant of Infantry on his twenty-first birthday, in September, 1918.

DANGER FROM FLYING SPARKS

FIRE CHIEF ISSUES WARNING FOR CITIZENS TO ELIMINATE HAZARDS

The fire early Monday morning which destroyed four residences and damaged another furnished concrete evidence of the danger from dry grass, rubbish and other combustibles left around homes. City Fire Chief J. D. Key said Monday, "He came out with a statement urging people to start at once to getting rid of dry weeds and grass or anything on their premises that could catch from sparks."

Although the fire Monday morning was near the railroad, sparks were blown by the strong North wind, all the way across the city. Several residents living in the Southern part of the city said they got up and put out sparks that had fallen on their premises. Firemen answering the alarm said when they came across the public square the air was full of sparks.

"Not only do we need to clean up and do so at once," said the Fire Chief, "but we need to take all the fire prevention possible. We need a new fire station badly, as we need a new city hall and a city jail, and with what we have we can get by with good luck and the co-operation of the people in doing away with fire hazards."

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH GIVES CHECK TO CITY

Members of the Christian Science Church which have been using the City Hall over Sunday in which to worship, have proven their appreciation for the use of the building without cost. Mayor Harry Mason received a check yesterday from the congregation with the expressed wish that the \$25 for which the check was written be turned over to the fire department and accepted as a gift in appreciation for the use of the city hall on Sundays.

PARENT-TEACHERS AT OKLAHOMA TO MEET

A meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association of the Oklahoma schools will be held Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the high school building. All members are urged to be present.

Barn Burned Down.

A barn in the rear of the J. T. Creager place on Paradise street caught fire from unknown origin Sunday morning at 10 o'clock and was completely destroyed. The fire was not discovered until flames had practically enveloped the place.

MILL CONFERENCE HELD TO OUTLINE PLANS FOR 1924

Kell Mill Gives Dinner to Salesmen and Jobbers Following Conference of Salesmen and Managers for Entire Territory

A conference of the personnel of the sales department of the Kell Milling Company was held here yesterday and today for the purpose of planning for the business program of the New Year. All the Company's salesmen and two jobbers who handle products of the local mill were here for the meeting.

A sales conference was held yesterday under the direction of L. C. Hooper, sales manager, followed by an informal dinner at the Hill Crest Club last night.

J. A. Birdsong, secretary-treasurer of the Company, presided as toastmaster at the Country Club dinner. Informal talks were made by Kent Barber, general manager; L. C. Hooper, sales manager; W. E. Hunter of Abilene, West Texas salesman; J. T. Leeson Abilene jobber; Fleet McDaniel, Ferris jobber; J. A. Harrington, mill superintendent; W. O. Anderson, vice president of the Company.

Those who were here to attend the conference were: Tim Holliman, San Antonio, Southwest Texas representative; M. M. James, Washington, Panhandle representative; A. L. Tabor, Waco, Central Texas representative; S. B. Tabor, Fort Worth, Northwest Texas representative; W. E. Hunter, Abilene, West Texas representative; R. L. Walker, Lufkin, East Texas representative; J. T. Leeson, Abilene, jobber; Fleet McDaniel, Ferris, jobber. Local guests at the dinner last night, other than those named were: J. T. Glover, cashier Guaranty State Bank; W. H. Huggins, assistant cashier Waggoner National Bank; G. C. Morris, cashier Herring National Bank; and J. V. Townsend, cotton man.

The Kell Milling Company has enjoyed a good business during the past year and reports made at the sales conference indicate a very hopeful outlook for 1924.

Car Owners Granted Fifteen Days More to Pay Auto Tax

The tax collector's office has been the scene of a wild scramble to pay automobile taxes the past week. Saturday people stood in line to pay taxes and get the license tag that enables the owner of a car to appear on the highway without danger of a summons to "tell it to the judge."

The month of December had been designated as the month to pay the automobile taxes by the state highway commission in order that the tax collector and assistants might be able to handle the steady rush of collecting other taxes during the month of January.

Up to yesterday morning taxes on about 11,125 automobiles and trucks had been collected. Leaving nearly 2,000 more yet to be paid on, as over 3,000 cars are owned in the county.

Mrs. C. H. Blair, tax collector, has extended the time of paying fifteen days longer before the penalty will go into effect, which means that January 15 will be the last day of grace for those who have neglected paying the automobile tax.

DOANS COUPLE MARRIED BY T. J. GRIFFITHS

Teddie O'Neal and Miss Ober Wilbanks, both of Doans, were married Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by T. J. Griffiths, justice of the peace at his home in West Vernon.

Mr. O'Neal is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim O'Neal, residents for years of the Doans community, and his bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wilbanks, who make their home on O'Neal farms.

Marriage Here

Marriage here last week to E. C. Lucile McDonald, Miss Ora Duke, Miss Jessie, and Miss Leola Keisling and Henry Vaughn Lebus; Arthur Leba Crain; Miss Ober and Mr. A. Johnson.

MR. AND MRS. T. C. FROST ENTERTAIN

SCORES OF FRIENDS GATHER FOR SPLENDID REPAST AT FARMERS VALLEY

and Mrs. T. C. Frost, residing over thirty years of the Valley community, entertained their entire family and over 130 other guests at their farm home with a sumptuous dinner of several courses Sunday.

The birthday of the youngest daughter, Miss Irma Frost, was also celebrated that day but the guests were not aware of the fact until they were ushered into the dining room where the centerpiece of the long table held a beautifully decorated birthday cake aglow with sixteen candles.

After enjoying the delicious dinner, the guests returned to the living room where they were entertained with music furnished by the young people of the community. Farmers Valley is noted for its splendid singers and a number of religious songs were sung which were much enjoyed by the company.

Little Mary Frost, talented daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Frost, gave a delightful reading, "Grandpa's Christmas."

All of the children, ten in number and the nineteen grand children, were present. The children are Mrs. Rudolph Hoffman, Mrs. R. W. Arnold, Mrs. Jerry Bell of Hereford, Mrs. Pearl Blanchard of Hereford, Mrs. Emma Frost and Messers, John Frost, W. F. Frost, Hiram Frost, N. H. Frost and O. W. Frost.

The following guests were also present:

Miles Allen, Cecil Pike, Mayne Arnold, Lester Arnold, Tommie Allen, Jimmie Bell, Alota Bell, Wayne Bell, Betty Fan Bell, Paul Bell, Faye Frost, Lois Frost, Nina Smith, Fred Smith, Jr., Garland Blanchard, Opheila Reynolds, Dewey Brock, Bruce Norrell, Ruby Allen, Elton McAdams, Oliver Reynolds, Jerry Bell, Mrs. J. T. Bell, Mrs. Tom Rapp, Mrs. E. J. Randall, Mrs. Gentry, Noel Mason, Royal Arnold, Paul Blair, Charles Blair, Robert Blair, J. E. Calvert, Norman Gordon, Hue Rapp, Wilburn Rapp, Ade Rapp, Mrs. Mason, Jewell Frost, Thayer Frost, Mrs. T. W. Allen, Mrs. Gus Rapp, Alice Randall, Myrle Rapp, Emma Allen, Nadine Allen, Ralph Randall, Ruby Bell, Anna Reynolds, Zela Reynolds, Garfield Allen, Beatrice Randall, Beulah Arnold, Roy Hoffman, Ben McGee, Bill Brock, L. G. Hawkins, D. F. Randall, E. J. Randall, T. A. Keys, Harry Colley, E. Norwood, J. B. Mayo, Tom Rapp, Mr. Bailey, Randolph Hoffman, W. D. Pike, Barnett Kelley, Critt Hill, Emmet Allen, Barbara D. Frost, Douglas Frost, Naomi Randall, Georgia Frost, Joe Blanchard, Allen Randall, Hester Frost, Leta Allen, Harley Frost, Myrle J. Blanchard, Winnie Arnold, Mary Ellen Frost, Randall, Everett Calvert, Fred Frost, C. H. Randall, Tom Allen, Mrs. Gordon, M. H. Gordon, Cecelia Johnson, Gus Rapp, Roy Blanchard, Tom Bell, Mrs. C. M. Blair, Flossie Pike, Charley Blanchard, Loy Bell, Reed Smith, J. T. Rapp, Arley Arnold, Mrs. D. F. Randall, Mrs. N. H. Frost, Mrs. Oza Holloway, Mrs. Roy Blanchard, Leon Rapp, Margie Glenn Bell, Mrs. O. W. Frost, Mrs. W. F. Frost, Imogene Frost, Mrs. Loy Bell, Mrs. W. D. Pike, Mrs. C. H. Randall, Mrs. R. W. Arnold, Mrs. J. E. Calvert.

"SONNY" COMING HERE WEDNESDAY

THIS PICTURE IS ONE OF CLEANEST AND BEST EVER FILMED IN AMERICA

"Thundering Dawn" is making its last run at the Pictorium theatre today and tonight. This picture, featuring J. Warren Kerrigan, Anna Q. Nilsson and Tom Santschi, and including many other stars is a weird picture with the main scenes in the South Seas. It is the story of a man who starts out on a noble mission of sacrifice but falls into the lures of evil and has become less than nothing when the woman who loves him comes to redeem him.

"Thundering Dawn" is a wonderful picture. It shows a typhoon and results of a tidal wave such as have never before been produced for a picture.

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FIRST PHOTOGRAPH OF MEXICAN REVOLT



Mexican troops in action

This is the first picture of an engagement between the loyal Mexican troops and the revolutionary de la Huerta soldiers. It was snapped in the Vera Cruz district when the revolutionists, under General Sanchez, attacked. The loyal troops, entrenched, have just opened fire.

and others. It is really one of Kenton's best comedies. It is booked as his first full length feature picture so naturally every effort has been made to make it a howling success.

COMMUNITY WEEK FEATURED HERE

FEDERATED CLUBS DOING EXCELLENT WORK IN UNITING PEOPLE

The Wilbarger Federation of Women's club have received many inquiries from other organizations in the state asking about "Community Week," which seems to be a product of Wilbarger county club women.

Marked success has attended the efforts of the clubs who have staged community week and it has become an annual event. In 1922, the Federation bought lots near Allingham park and converted them into a playground. Funds to apply as payment on the lots were derived from shows given community week by the six federated clubs of the city assisted by the rural community clubs.

A different program was given each night, prominent local speakers addressed the audiences and local musicians and women and children, who were not club members, assisted.

The entertainments were given in Allingham Park, on a stage erected for that purpose. Crowds attended and it was agreed by the clubs to make community week an annual affair.

In February, 1923, the Home Science club staged a play at the Vernon opera house and the funds were used to erect a large concrete stage in the new addition to Allingham park. The community week programs were given on this stage last summer.

The Home Economics club presented new play ground equipment for the park, and the Federation will try to finish the payments against the park next year by their community week program, which will be given about June 1.

FOSTER'S BULLETIN.

Washington, Jan. 1, 1924.—Warm wave will move southward on Pacific slope near Jan. 5, and all the Pacific slope will get rising temperatures. These warm waves reach far southward because the low, or storm center, coming southward from the far northwest is a suction and draws the warm, moist air from near the equator so that the weather turns warm far south nearly at the same time it does closer to the southward moving storm center. That storm center turns more eastward as it moves southward and about Jan. 6 the warm wave will enter the eastern slope of the Rockies; near 7 it will pass east of the Mississippi and Red River of the North and colder weather will be entering the extreme northwest. By Jan. 8 the warm wave will cover eastern sections.

Atmosphere rises in central parts of warm wave and comes down in the cool wave. The cool wave is anti-storm, does not carry moisture; wind blows outward at bottom while it blows into the storm center and rises. The cool wave will come into western Canada about January 7. But it does not work like the storm center and the weather does not turn cold in the south till a day or two later than in the northwest. You may count on that cool wave crossing continent from 7 to 11.

Not much moisture is expected from the weather changes mentioned above and those weather changes will not go to extremes. Moderate temperatures are expected through first half of January and not much moisture. We are into the winter drouth, and on the western half of the continent a shortage of moisture will be noticed.

Storms will be moderate first half of January. Whatever weather extremes occur, in the way of

Prof. Frank H. Bigelow, 19 years a leading professor of meteorology in the U. S. Weather Bureau, has issued another very interesting work on weather forecasting. He is a master mind, a progressive scientist and his works will increase in popularity as they grow older.

Every great mental effort of our race now has well developed divisions of progressives and conservatives, and this applies to government, science and religion. There is now a positive move on among recognized official scientists against the theory that the earth's interior consists of molten matter.

PICTORIUM NOW—LAST DAY

"The Greatest of all Melodramatic Thrillers" "THUNDERING DAWN"

with a Tremendous All-Star Cast Featuring J. Warren Kerrigan Hero of the Covered Wagon

Anna Q. Nilsson and Tom Santschi Buddy Messinger, Com. "A REGULAR BOY"

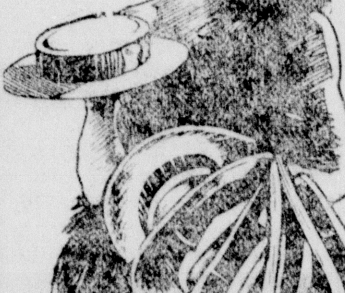
TOMORROW (1 Day) Rich'd Barthelmess Star of "Tolable David" in "SONNY"

Heart Interest Drama Mack Sennett Comedy "THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH"

Roy Stewart in "Hard to Beat"

THURSDAY—FRIDAY

Six Reels of Furious Fun



BUSTER KEATON

THREE AGES

Metro Picture

His First Feature-Length Comedy Margaret Leahy

1 of England's foremost beauties so adjudged among 80,000 contestants is in the cast.

and that the earth originally was intensely hot. That theory is passing to the shades along with many other wild ideas of the dark ages.

The winter will occur in New England and eastern Canada. Unusually warm, dry weather, as an average, is expected following January 13.

No permanent change has occurred in crop weather of this continent. For the next fifty years crop weather of Canada and of America will average same as for the past fifty. The same is true of earthquakes, volcanoes, tornadoes, hurricanes. One hundred years from now a great change will be in operation against our crop weather, if destruction of timber continues.

MRS. BYRD ENTERTAINS SATURDAY BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs. Frank Byrd was hostess to the Saturday Bridge club, Saturday afternoon at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Ferguson of West Paradise street.

Five tables of guests played. At the close of the games, Mrs. Hub

Vernon Lodge No. 655, A. F. & A. M., meets 2nd and 4th Thursday nights each month. J. N. Fisher, W. M., H. W. Norwood, Secretary. Visitors cordially invited.

Vernon Chapter No. 102, R. A. M., meets 4th Friday night of month. H. W. Norwood, H. P.; E. L. Witty, Secretary. Visitors cordially invited.

E. T. Murchison Chapter No. 424, O. E. S., meets 2nd and 4th Monday nights of each month. Mrs. Bertha Blanton, W. M., Mrs. Marion Ladd, Secretary. Visitors cordially invited.

Vernon Commandery No. 35, K. T., meets 4th Tuesday nights of each month. I. S. Sewell, E. C., W. H. Huggins, Recorder.

Vernon Council No. 130, R. & S., Master meets 1st Friday night to each month. W. M. Hampton, Jr., T. I. M., E. L. Witty, Secretary. Visitors cordially invited.

Colley was presented with a vanity case as winner of high score for club members. Mrs. H. B. Farrell as winner of high score for guests won a beautiful organdy apron. Miss Geraldine Parker was given a dainty hand made handkerchief as consolation prize.

The cards that marked the places of the guests were suggestive of the holidays and the motif was carried out in the delicious two-course luncheon.

The following guests were present: Mesdames A. B. Swartwood, Hub Colley, C. E. Warren, Dan Sumner, W. A. Wilhelm, R. H. Coffey, R. S. McCouche, W. E. Colley, R. E. Martin, Joe Parker, E. M. Hamey, H. B. Farrell, Bert Lisman, Clint Swartwood and Misses Esther Swartwood, Beulah and Maudie Ladd, Johnnie Mallow and Geraldine and Mozelle Parker.

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MISS DOROTHY TULL ENTERTAINS D. Y. C.

Miss Dorothy May Tull of Yam-parka street was hostess to the members of the D. Y. C. club and their sponsor, Miss Izora Clark. Wednesday afternoon from 5 to 7 o'clock. A short program was given by the members of the high school club and then the girls enjoyed a beautiful Christmas tree. Gifts were handed out to all the members.

Delicious hot chocolate, sandwiches, cake and fruit were served to the following: Miss Izora Clark and Misses Nina Allison, Mary Garland, Maurine Gregory, Nell Hol-lar, Laddie Bowers, John Kelly Honsells, Robbie Flaniken, Emma Pearl Shivers, Lala Kate Johnson and Lena Edna Thomas.

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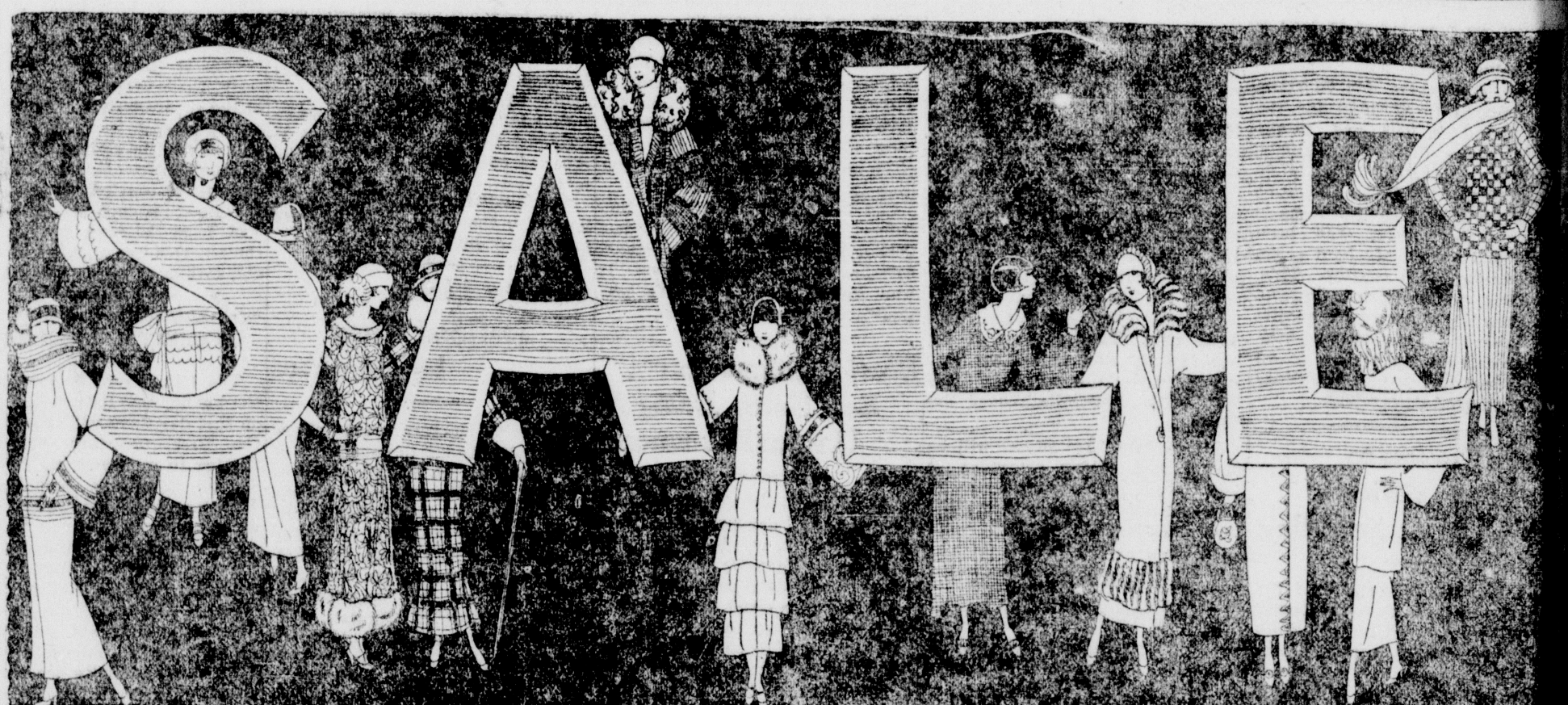
New Year's Greetings

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The year 1923 ushered in an era of prosperity and steady growth for the Vernon Free Library, for the very first month of the year saw the institution converted into a county library. The state boasts only five other counties that have county libraries: They are: Dallas, Cook, Harris, Tarrant and Polk.

It was largely through the work of the Chamber of Commerce that Vernon obtained the funds to erect a library from the Carnegie foundation fund. In 1917, the city commission, as one of the requirements of the society, set aside \$100 per month, or ten per cent of the end of \$12,000 given by Carnegie for the upkeep of the library. The library was opened to the public in 1918.

In the fall of 1922, a petition with several hundred signers was presented to the county commissioners asking that a county library be made. A joint contract was drawn up between the city and county commissioners and was approved by the state librarian with the result that the county on January 1, 1923, joined the ranks of the other five progressive counties of the state. Vernon was the last small town to receive funds from the Carnegie library fund for as a rule the smaller places do not keep up their part of the contract.

Miss Lillian Newcom is the present librarian and Miss Esther Hartwood is assistant librarian.

The library has over 5,000 volumes and more are being added each month to the shelves. Any material on any subject not on hand can be in the hands of the inquirer for same in three days, the librarian asserts. The extension of the library or the Texas University library will furnish the information from a library of 250,000 volumes.

Any blind person may secure literature through the county library and the literature will be sent from Austin through the county library free of charge. The government ranking privilege is allowed on the books for the blind.

Any community may receive a shipment of fifty books from the state library for three months by paying the shipping charges.

Oklahoma has a branch of the county library. They have the privilege of taking out forty books every two weeks at a time and these may be renewed for another two weeks. A committee agrees to provide suitable place for the books and to be responsible for the shipment.

Many children of both city and county schools are taking advantage of the extended library. Books are there every day and books are being issued in great numbers to residents all over the town and county.

MRS. MASON ENTERTAINS WITH BRIDGE THURSDAY

Mrs. Harry Mason of Paradise, Tex., entertained the members of the 1921 Bridge club and other guests Thursday at bridge honoring another, Mrs. Josephine Collins, sister, Mrs. Anna Witherspoon, Wichita Falls.

Two tables of games were played. Mrs. Dan Bond won high score for club and was presented with a paint incense burner. Mrs. Bert Swan was given embroidered vest towels as winner of high score. Mrs. T. P. Lisman, received a hand painted China caddy filled with choice iced tea for low score.

An attractive and delicious refreshment plate of creamed turkey, dressing, fruit salad, marshmallows, sweet potatoes and hot tea was served.

Expect Greek King to Lose Throne.



King George of Greece

King George II, of Greece, who succeeded to the throne September 22, 1922, faces a dynastic crisis as the result of the recent elections and it is believed the victorious Republicans will force him to abdicate his throne.

Frank Edmonson Asks Re-Election to Sheriff's Office

To the Voters of Wilbarger County:

In making my announcement for re-election to the office of Sheriff of Wilbarger county, I simply wish to state that I am asking the voters to give me their support because I have tried faithfully to perform my duty as I have seen it. I do not care to take space to review my record as sheriff of this county because the voters already know my record and by it they are going to judge me.

The office of sheriff at this time is a busy one and it is keeping me so hard at work that it will be a hard matter for me to make a personal campaign, but I want all the voters to know that I desire their support and I want to assure them that the experience I have had as sheriff during the present term will enable me to make a better officer, next term.

I have tried to enforce the law without showing favor or disfavor and so long as I am sheriff I will continue the same policy. Whatever success I have made as an officer is due largely to the co-operation I have received from the people and I want the public to continue to help me as no officer can be a success without the co-operation of the citizenship.

W. FRANK EDMONDSON.

MISS ELZORA CLARK ENTERTAINS STUDENTS

Miss Elzora Clark, sponsor of the D. Y. C. club was hostess to the members of the club and their boy friends, Saturday night at her home in West Vernon.

Various games were played by the guests and delicious hot chocolate and sandwiches were served to the following: Misses Ladelle Bowers, Dorothy Tull, Nina Allison, Mary Garland, Maurine Gregory, Emma Pearl Shivers, Nellie Hollar, Beatrice Huddleston, Elizabeth Baird and Roy Lewis, Levi Walkner, R. D. Hollar, Alton Shivers, Laurence Keltz, George Goetzke, E. M. Lentwyler, Jr., and Earl Armstrong.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mason, Mrs. Josephine Collins, Evans Mason and Dixon Roger were guests of Mrs. Mason's sister, Mrs. J. H. Mason, of Wichita Falls, over Christmas, returning Wednesday.




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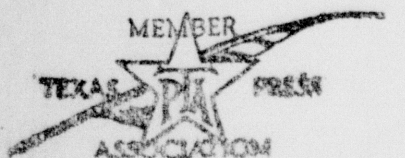
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NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS.

The Record desires on this first day of the New Year to wish for each one of its readers and advertisers a very prosperous year. The publishers desire to take this opportunity of expressing their appreciation of a continuation of the friendship and support of the people of Vernon and Wilbarger County who have helped to make The Record one of the best country newspapers in the Southwest.

Today's edition carries a larger amount of advertising space than usual. A review of the progress of the town and county for the past twelve months are set forth in news articles. The purpose of this New Year's edition is to provide a sort of community inventory and to urge the consideration of the problems for the next twelve months. Vernon has grown in the past twelve months, as it has always done in the past. The development of the county has continued uninterrupted by crop conditions that were at times unfavorable. New acres have been put under cultivation and old farms have been improved.

These are causes for congratulation, but they are also motives for a greater determination to make 1924 show greater improvement and still more progress than has ever been shown in any past year. It can be done. The Record believes it will be done. The people of Wilbarger County have a way of going ahead in spite of conditions. That is the explanation of the greatness of this county, and the same spirit will keep on developing the resources of this county until we shall become one of the most populous and prosperous counties in Texas.

The Record pledges its support to all forward movements and trusts that the New Year will afford many opportunities to work with the citizens of the county for progress.

MR. NEFF TO MAKE ANOTHER TOUR

The announcement comes from Austin that Governor Neff is to make a speaking tour of the State early in the spring, and while no definite announcement is made of the purpose of the tour, the hint is thrown out that he will again speak in behalf of law enforcement as he did on a former tour. Every citizen joins Governor Neff in wishing for a stricter enforcement of the law, but a great many people disagree with the Governor that any great amount of new legislation is needed. One of our difficulties now is that we have too many laws, and we should first insist on enforcement of the laws we already have before passing others.

Fortunately also, law enforcement is not such a difficult problem as some seem to believe. We already have the means of maintaining the dignity of the law through our courts. There are minor changes that might be made to advantage, it is true, but in the main our judicial machinery needs only to be put to its full use to enforce the law. A great many people complain at the courts and the peace officers for lax enforcement of the law, when as a matter of fact the complaint should be directed at ourselves—the average citizens who compose the juries.

The peace officers may arrest offenders and the prosecuting attorneys may try to enforce the law and exact the penalties, but the juries have the final decision. It is they, who, in most cases, decide whether

the accused shall be acquitted or convicted. The number of criminals who escape justice because of technicalities or decisions of higher courts is negligible in comparison to the number set free by juries.

If the law is not enforced it is our fault. When the people determine that the law shall be strictly enforced, the officers and courts will do their part, for the simple reason that when the people become aroused those who stand charged with the duty of administering justice likewise become diligent.

Of course, Governor Neff's visit over the state will be appreciated by the people of the communities he visits, but any law enforcement program which does not have for its major plank an arousing of the people is destined to merely add to the confusion.

THE POISON LIQUOR TOLL

According to figures announced by the Census Bureau, the numerous warnings issued from time to time by physicians and others against the dangers of drinking liquor of unknown antecedents have not been generally heeded. The Bureau estimates that the number of deaths in the United States traceable to the drinking of inferior grade liquor will reach a total of 2,500. No doubt many other deaths have been due to this cause but reported as being from other causes.

The figures indicate that the person who drinks illicit liquor is taking a chance on his life, which is a pretty large risk to incur for the doubtful value of a little exhilaration from alcohol.

Some will interpret this fact as an argument against prohibition, but most unprejudiced observers will doubtless conclude that the imprudence of the number of alcoholic deaths is due to some extent to the practice of gathering figures on the subject which started only after prohibition became effective. Alcoholic deaths were not uncommon before prohibition, but nobody took the pains to gather statistics on the subject.

But such considerations as these are largely speculation and the average person can find evidence to support his particular belief whatever it may happen to be. The fact remains that we have prohibition and there is little prospect

that any changes of consequence will be made in the prohibition laws in the near future. It is also apparent that a great deal of poison liquor is being sold and consumed. So about the only safe policy is to avoid drinking liquor of uncertain origin until such time as there is less chance of cashing in a life insurance policy soon after imbibing.

INVOICING YOURSELF.
(By Phoebe K. Warner)

Time to take stock. Every business man in the country is looking over his books and shelves this week. What for? To balance up his profits and losses. He is looking over his stock to see what is gone and what is left over. What has been in demand and what has been a drag on his hands. He is trying to discover whether his business has been a success or a failure the past year and if possible detect the reasons for his success or failure. He is looking for the leaks in his business, and planning ways to stop them. He is looking for the weak places in his business and planning ways to strengthen them. And he is also looking for the strong places in his business and planning ways to increase their strength another year. In making his new orders for goods he will double the orders for those things the people seem to want and cut out the orders for the things left over.

A business is so human. It is just like studying a character. And what would become of a man's business if he did not take this annual invoice of his stock? How would he know whether he was advancing or going backward. Everybody ought to invoice their business once a year at least to find out where they are "at." It would be a good thing for the world if every institution were invoiced every year in some form that we might all find out whether we are moving forward or backward.

Don't you believe if the schools of Texas had been invoiced ten years ago that we would be farther along today than we are? But let us rejoice that they are to be invoiced this year. It is a lot better than never and will result in more being done to advance education in Texas in the next ten years than has been done in the last twenty-five years. Certainly a lot of communities will begin to work over their schools when the leaks and weak places and the profit and loss in education is revealed to them.

And how about the church to which you belong in your home community? Is it any stronger or better than it was a year ago. Has

it gained or lost in influence? Has it added anything new and interesting to its store of spiritual supplies or is it trying to sell the same kind of religion to the people it did fifty years ago? The old-time religion may be good enough for you but is it holding the youth of your community. Is it meeting the religious demands of the youth of this day? There are a lot of new inventions in the form of temptations today that we older folks did not have to resist in our day. Is the church of today inventing any new attractions to counteract the new temptations of this day or are we trying to fight new and modern temptations with the old-fashioned antidotes for sin? Well, if you are, you will likely learn that like every other antidote they lose their effect in time. Things must advance if we are going to keep up with the old world, for the world is surely on the go.

How about your homes? Have you invoiced your home? Is it any better than it was a year ago? How many of us have done ONE thing to improve our business of home making this past year? If you paid no more attention to your

business than you have to your home the past year, if you never invoiced your business to see what condition it is in any more than you have your home how long do you suppose it would last? Have there been any leaks in the management of your home affairs this past year? Are there any weak places in your home business that ought to be patched up? Is there any system or order or anything else to your business of home making? When you stop and think of how little business sense is practiced in the management of most of our homes the wonder is not that so many go to pieces on the domestic rocks but rather that any hold together. But there are higher laws than business laws or any other human laws that hold homes together. A home will hang together longer than anything else when every thing goes wrong. There is a difference in the partnership in the home from that of a business partnership. That's why. But how about yourself? Every one of us is a kind of business concern of ourself. How about YOU? Have you looked into your own life at the beginning of this new year to see if your life last year was a suc-

cess or failure? Have you advanced any in the business of being a man or a woman? Are you a stronger man than you were a year ago? Are you better equipped for life's duties? Have you gained anything intellectually or socially or spiritually or have you lost in the business of living during the year 1923? How about your human assets? Have they increased or decreased in the last twelve months? Have you added any new friends in the past year to your list? Friends are one of the finest assets in this life. Have you gained or lost in this form of wealth? Are your ideas up to date and in demand or do you find your ideas of things are mostly left on the shelf when things are to be done? If they are, maybe your stock of ideas is shelf-worn. If they are you will be forced to sell your ideas to the people at a reduction. Or you may be forced to scrap the whole lot. The world is looking for new things in the form of ideas the same as clothes or automobiles. How about the leaks in your business of living? How many opportunities to improve your business of living did you let slip this last year, never to regain them? Or at least you will never be able to get the time back. How about the weak places in your business of living? Do you know your own weak places? Have you ever tried to build them up? Have you ever studied yourself enough to really know your best points? Do you really KNOW yourself? Do you know your own history and the history of your own family? Have you ever tried hard to manage your own business of living? Most of us spend a great deal more time studying other people and their weaknesses than we do ourselves and our own. Most of us seem to know more about other people than we do about ourselves. If you will only take the time this year to make an intensive study of yourself you will be surprised how much better the rest of the world will look to you by this time next year.

Evans Mason and Dixon Boger are leaving tonight for school. Mr. Mason attends Texas University and Mr. Boger is a student of A. & M. FOR SALE—Eight White English Bull pups ready to take away now. W. M. McCaleb, Jr. 103-37c

O. O. McCurdy
Candidate
Coming

O. O. McCurdy, who has been elected the County as County Clerk since April, 1923, having been appointed to fill out an unexpired term, desires to announce his candidacy for that office at the action of the Democratic Convention of this year.

He is a native of Wilbarger County, and has been engaged in the practice of the law since the expiration of sixteen months with the U. S. M. C. world war.

In announcing his candidacy, McCurdy says: "I pledge my efforts to continue to secure and impartial enforcement of law, so far as it comes under the jurisdiction of the office of Attorney. I solicit the support of the public of Wilbarger County records of the past year in the manner in which I plan to conduct my office."

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ary 31st.

We are now going through the stock of
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reducing our former low prices. We will
save you from \$7.50 to \$15.00 on a suit.

Former price \$25.00 now .	16.75	\$50.00 blue serges now.	29.50
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SEE WINDOWS

H. F. McKibbin

"Booterie"

FRONT YARD MARKETS PAY

NATIONAL FARM MARKET BU- REAU PROVES RESULTS FOR FARMER

Texas has increased its number of front yard markets during the past year and the nation as a whole is awakening to the value of such markets, according to the National Farm Market Bureau.

For the past year the Bureau has been conducting a campaign of research into the extent and importance of rural roadside markets, and is authority for the statement that 1924 will find half a million front-yard markets doing business throughout Uncle Sam's domain, and making money.

It bases its enlightening declaration on a thorough investigation made in a dozen scattered states, one of the surprising features of which was that in 90 per cent of the replies received from "wayside farm marketers," the writers credited a large share of their success to the intelligent use of bulletin boards and advertising.

Here are some interesting facts in connection with the investigation:

Number of questionnaires sent out, 21,592; replies received from persons conducting bona fide wayside markets, 5,481; percentage reporting financial success, 94; percentage reporting net annual profit of \$1,000, 58; \$2,000, 35; \$4,000, 28; \$5,000, 19; \$5,000 and over, 11; percentage of markets conducted exclusively by women, 21; percentage of markets selling some commodity in winter, 34; percentage farm mortgages raised by profits from markets, 18.

Average number of customers per market daily (estimated), 38; greatest number of customers, reported in a day by any one market, 1,436; earliest crop marketed, strawberries; latest, apples; number buying autos with market profits, 2,214; number installing radio sets, 708; number buying musical instruments, 2,612; number spending winter in Florida or California on markets' profits, 312; number selling all farm products through market, 3,168; average selling season, June 15 to Oct. 1.

"It is impossible," states the report, "to make any definite declaration as to the number of markets in operation throughout the country, but we feel confident, from data at hand, that the summer of 1924 will see not less than half a million, perhaps more, serving the public."

AUSTRALIAN BEAUTY PRIZE WINNERS.



Lily Mullaney, Eva Paine and Freda Fisher-Gilbert

By popular vote, taken in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, these three young women have been pronounced the most beautiful business girls in that city. The winner was Miss Eva Paine, who received a prize of \$2,500. She is a saleswoman. Miss Lily Mullaney, who was awarded \$500 second prize, also a saleswoman, and Miss Freda Fisher-Gilbert, who won the \$250 third prize, is a clerk.

Oklahoma Offers Aid in Building Red River Bridge

The following article appeared in the Frederick Leader of a recent date:

Friendship for Lee highway, and a desire to cooperate with citizens of Tillman county in furthering the interests of the highway were declared by Paul Nesbitt, state highway commissioner, when he was interviewed Friday by County Engineer E. L. Guyer and County Commissioner J. W. Williams.

Guyer and Williams were present at the road meeting at the capital, which was attended by delegates from many counties in the state, for the purpose of seeking to agree on some plan of operation for the state department. The Tillman county men were on hand to get what information they could for the benefit of this county.

Mr. Nesbitt, when he was made aware of the situation concerning the proposed free bridge across Red river, south of Davidson, said that he would at once take the matter up with State Engineer Fountleroy of Texas, in an effort to agree on plans for the bridge's construction. Nesbitt was told that Tillman county

stood ready to finance its part of the cost of such a bridge, but that Willbarger county had taken no action in this direction, owing to the attitude assumed by the Texas highway commission. Mr. Nesbitt evinced sympathy for the efforts of this county to get a southern outlet and a national highway, and said he would take the matter up with Engineer Fountleroy at once.

When his attention was called to the fact that the proposed cut off between Lawton and Chatkanooga, which was to shorten the highway to Frederick, had not been included in the state's federal aid system, he said that he would at once see that this route was put into the state system.

Much interest was aroused at the meeting by the proposal made by Commissioner Nesbitt to use the state's automobile and gross production oil taxes to build a system of hard surfaced highways. The meeting, at first unfavorable to the idea, switched to its favor when his plans were explained by the commissioner.

The Tillman county officers took no part in the discussion but were interested spectators.

Miss Grace Sykes, of Gainesville, was the guest of Miss Ruth Carney New Year's Eve.

SHERWOOD LAKE CLUB PROGRESS

ORGANIZED IN 1920 NOW HAS LAKE, FISH AND MODERN CLUB HOUSE

One of the best homes for sportsmen in this section of Texas is the Sherwood Lake Club, on Sherwood creek about four miles from Dumas and just South of Red River. The club was incorporated in 1923 with B. Daniel, president; G. C. Morris, secretary-treasurer and the following members: A. C. Borer, Dewey Morris, Andrew P. Morris, J. B. Morris, E. H. Pigg, E. P. Hicks, A. H. Murchison, Jake Hamilton, Cecil Storey, Hub Colley, J. A. Storey and George S. Hardin. The membership is limited to 14.

While the Sherwood lake club is much younger than the Spring Lake Red and Gun club in the same territory and which has a membership list including many of the best known sportsmen in Willbarger county, still the Sherwood Lake club has many attractions. The club was organized in 1920 and a dam was placed across the creek to impound water. The water now is about a mile in length. The lake was stocked with 10,000 Crappie, Bass and channel cat the same year under supervision of the State Game, Fish and Oyster department. It is now filled with splendid fish.

The club house has two large bedrooms, dining room and kitchen with a large screened porch running around two sides of the house. There are three double beds and all necessary club house equipment in the building. A garage is built onto the building.

The club house was erected in 1923 by the members of the club. The lake besides furnishing some of the best fishing in the state, is a splendid place to swim and there is good duck shooting there in season. It is fed by live springs which also furnish the club house with a splendid water supply.

Mrs. John W. Buster Announces for Office County Treasurer

To the Voters of Willbarger County: I desire at this time to announce my candidacy for the office of County Treasurer, subject to the action of the Democratic primary next July. I am a native Texan, born in Willbarger County, and a daughter of John F. Terry, who now resides in Childress county after

Doris Keane 'Answers Suit with Suit



When Miss Doris Keane, famous American actress, was stricken ill in Paris she summoned Dr. Charles F. A. Locke, of New York, there by cable to perform an operation, and he spent \$1,095 getting there. When she learned what the operation would cost, the doctor alleges, she refused to submit to it and paid him only \$1,000. He is suing her for \$20,000 in New York. She has answered with a \$50,000 suit, alleging "the physician's unsympathetic attitude made her ill."

I am a high school graduate and am thoroughly qualified to perform the duties of the office of County Treasurer and ask that all the voters of the county investigate my qualifications and need for this office and will deeply appreciate the support of all who feel I am qualified for and deserve election to the office of County Treasurer.

MRS. JOHN W. BUSTER.

Mrs. Harry Mason had as her guests this week, her nephew, Joe Collins, of Frederick, Okla., and niece, Winifred Witherspoon, and Adonell Massie of Wichita Falls.

Record classified ads bring results

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

For County Tax Collector:
MRS. C. M. BLAIR

For Sale—Real Estate.

IVIES ELECTRIC SHOE SHOP—I will trade shop for a two room house in Vernon or for a good Ford truck. 1514 N. Main Street. 97-1fc

FOR SALE—Twelve acres of land, small improvements, on paved road. Known as the Joe Lahey place. For price and terms see James Condon. 103-3fp

FOR SALE OR TRADE—120 acres land, 2 room house. See J. G. Bitter, three miles south and three miles west of Vernon. Route 2, Box 63. 100-3fp

FOR SALE—The old family residence in East Vernon at corner of Marshall and Pine streets. Seven room house. If interested see Thos. B. Crow or Crow Sisters. 102-3fp

FOR SALE—My farm located just one mile west of Vernon. Will sell all or part; can arrange good terms. If interested in a good farm near town, see me, J. W. Seals. Phone 9004-R-15. Vernon, Texas. 98-6fp

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Two room house and lot in West Vernon. Would like to trade. Apply to H. Hildebrandt, Route A, Box 2, Vernon. 96-6fp

FOR SALE—Six room house with modern conveniences at a bargain. Best located place in town. See B. G. Chongier at Robinson Motor Company, Vernon, Texas. 97-1fc

FOR TRADE—Beautiful modern home in Clovis, N. M., to trade for something in Vernon. What have you, Bill Todd. 45-1fc

FOR SALE—Good six room house with three acres land. North of Fair Park. See J. H. Petit or phone 105. 83-1fc

FOR SALE—Practically new sheet iron building and 50X210 foot lot on West Willbarger street. An ideal location for any kind of store. See owner: E. J. Harris, at Harris Filling Station. 92-1fc

For Sale—Miscellaneous

FOR SALE—Dodge Touring car A-1 condition. For a real bargain see E. C. Seay. 96-1fc

FOR SALE CHEAP—Corona typewriter, good as new. See C. D. Williams. 93-1fc

FOR SALE—An electric washing machine at a bargain. Lisenbee Furniture Store. We sell or trade. 89-1fc

FOR SALE—Some real bargain in new and second hand stoves. Lisenbee Furniture Co. We sell, buy or trade. 89-1fc

FOR SALE OR RENT—Some real sewing machines. Lisenbee Furniture store. We buy, sell or trade. 89-1fc

FOR SALE—Crocket and embroidery in caps, scarfs, luncheon and dinner sets; sheets and pillow cases. Mrs. J. F. Minark, 2202 Texas street. 99-6fc

FOR SALE—Some good young mules. None of your Foster Broom Tails. References: Jeff Summerour and Bud Daniels. See me, C. S. McColloch. 102-1fc

FOR SALE—I have a good place rented for 1924 but have decided to go to Plains, am offering my team, tools, feed, cows, hogs and chickens for sale reasonable and will turn over rent contract. See D. M. Julian one mile east of Elliott, Harrold, Route 1, Phone 268B. 102-3fp

REGISTERED RED POLL bull for sale. See H. Hildebrandt, Rt. A, Box 62, Vernon. 101-3fp

NOTICE

I have taken up six shoats and one sow. Owner may have same by calling at my place and paying for damage and feed. R. B. Peary, Route 2, Tolbert, Texas. 102-3fp

For Rent

FOR RENT—9-room house on Paradise and Deaf Smith streets, Three blocks from City Hall. Phone 163. Telephone 263. 101-3fp

FOR RENT—Two furnished light housekeeping rooms. Mrs. Alice Riggs, 2109 Deaf Smith street. Telephone 263. 102-3fp

FOR RENT—Nice upstairs bed rooms to ladies or to couple with out children. Call at 1814 Deaf Smith. Telephone 240. 99-3fp

FOR RENT—Furnished bedroom. Private entrance. Four blocks from Main, 2120 Texas street. Mrs. R. S. McCondie. 102-3fp

FOR RENT—A six room house on eight acre lot in southwest Vernon, good orchard, good water. See owner E. L. Goin. 102-2fp

FOR RENT—Well furnished two or three or four room apartment with bath. Permanent people desired. 102-3fp

FOR RENT—Store building. See Lisenbee Furniture Company. 89-1fc

FOR RENT—Furnished two-room apartment to couple without children. Modern conveniences, four blocks from Main street, 2128 Texas street. Mrs. John Dorn. 102-3fp

FOR RENT—Furnished bedroom with hot and cold water. Phone 662. 102-1fc

FARM FOR RENT—150 acres good mixed land. Will sell stock, tools and feed. See Blaine Jones, 4 1/2 miles East of Chillicothe. 101-3fp

Lost, Found or Strayed.

LOST—Eels lost on streets of Vernon. Return to Record office for reward. S. J. Lynch. 101-3fp

LOST—Between Vernon and H. A. Bell's home by way of White City, one Congoleum rug and one child's rocker. Return to T. J. Youngblood, Vernon, Texas, and get reward. Arthur Ward. 102-3fp

LOST—On streets of Vernon, Dec. 24, Brown Fox neck piece. Finder please return to Record Office for reward. 102-3fp

LOST—Christmas day, black leather traveling bag between Condon Springs and White City. Return to Record office or notify Albert Gamutt, Route 3, Vernon. 102-3fp

LOST—December 28, white and lemon colored pointer male bird dog. Finder please notify Herbert Masas at Vernon Radiator and Welding Shop or phone 400. 103-5fc

LOST—On paved road south of Vernon trunk lid for Overland Champion. Finder return to Overland Motor Co. 103-3fp

LOST—Large Cameo pin in business part of Vernon, Wednesday. Liberal reward for return. Phone 716 or leave at Record office. 102-3fp

STRAYED OR STOLEN—December 24, yellow Persian cat from my home on West Paradise street. Reward for return to Ann Dohoney Phone 124. 103-3fp

LOST—Somewhere on streets of Vernon Thanksgiving day a pair of double lense shell rim glasses in E. M. Leutyler case. Finder return to Mrs. J. M. Evans for reward. 100-4fp

Wanted.

WANTED—We want to buy all your furniture and stoves. Lisenbee Furniture Co. We buy, sell or trade. 89-1fc

WANTED—To rent a two team crop near Vernon, Texas. Will pay cash for teams, tools, etc., to cultivate same. References furnished. J. F. Rich, Rusk, Texas. 102-3fp

WANTED—A furnished, four or five room house in good location at reasonable price by first of year or January 15. Phone 19. H. P. Hudgins. 102-3fp

WANTED—To trade Ford truck, D. J. Wilhelm, Route A, Vernon, Texas, Phone 9044-R-11. 100-3fp

NOTICE TO SUPPLY HOUSES.

The Commissioners' Court of Willbarger County will receive bids to supply County with one ten ton tractor at Vernon, Texas, up to 10 o'clock a. m., February 4th, 1924, each bid to be accompanied with certified check payable to O. T. Warlick, County Judge for five per cent of amount of bid; and upon said date the Commissioners' Court may offer one second hand ten ton Holt tractor in exchange as part payment.

The Commissioners' Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

O. T. WARLICK,

County Judge.

103-4f Tues.

ANNOUNCEMENT

We are pleased to announce that we have this date added a full line of Harness and Leather Goods to our stock of Hardware

MR. P. M. MCKINLEY

Formerly of Swartwood & Co., will have charge of our shop.

He will be able to furnish you the best of repairing, shop made goods and to supply your needs in leather

We Shall Appreciate Your Patronage and an Opportunity to Serve You

RENFRO HARDWARE COMPANY

Telephone 34

"We Have It"

South Side of Square

VERNON RECORD ENTERS UPON THIRTEENTH YEAR WITH ISSUE PUBLISHED FIRST OF 1924

The Vernon Record today enters upon its thirteenth year under its present name. The Record succeeded the Vernon Hornet in 1907 when J. Ray purchased the property from E. S. Hendrix, now of Chillicothe, who had published the Hornet twelve years, which in fact makes The Record twenty-nine years old.

Soon after acquiring the Hornet Mr. Ray moved the plant from its location on the ground floor of the Mascenic Temple on North Main Street to the Chowning building on the north side of the square on the lot of the present site of the Perkins-Timberlake store at the present time. After remaining in that building for several months, Mr. Ray purchased the lot and erected the building now occupied by the Baker Drug Store and moved the plant, where it remained until the fall of 1920, when it was moved to the Summerour building on North Main. The Record moved from that location last November to its present new home on Texas and Cumberland streets.

R. H. Nichols, present editor and manager of The Record, went to work for J. Ray as reporter and solicitor in November, 1909. Two years later he became a partner of J. Ray, and in January, 1916, he and George J. Mason acquired the interest of Mr. Ray. In 1917 the paper was changed from a weekly to a semi-weekly publication. In

1918 Mr. Mason sold his interest in the business and the paper was incorporated. Buford O. Brown acquired an interest in the paper and becoming associated with Mr. Nichols in its publication.

In the fall of 1919 Mr. Nichols sold his interest in the business and went to Amarillo. Mr. Brown succeeded to sole management of the paper. Early in 1922 Mr. Brown sold his interest and became editor and manager of the Electric News, where he remained until September of the past year when he went to California to accept a professorship in Journalism in Stanford University. E. C. Christian succeeded Mr. Brown and sold his interest in the business to Mr. Nichols in the spring of 1923 and retired from the business.

The Record's business has grown steadily. The Hornet was first printed on a small sheet no larger than a letterhead. Mr. Hendrick developed the paper until it was recognized as one of the leading weeklies of this section. Under Mr. Ray's management the business continued to expand, which growth has continued until the present time when The Record has one of the most modern plants in the Southwest and is recognized as one of the leading county papers in Texas. In state-wide contests it has twice received the award for the highest quality weekly or semi-weekly paper in Texas.

Law School of the University of Texas have prepared and passed resolutions on the death of Judge John C. Townes. They were presented by a committee consisting of Ralph R. Wood, of Houston; William Robert Smith, Jr., of El Paso; and R. C. Gay, Jr., of Santa Anna. The resolutions follow:

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty

WOMEN OPEN BANK FOR WOMEN.



Miss Lillian M. Westropp.

Miss Lillian M. Westropp, of Cleveland, O., has been elected President of the new Women's Savings and Loan Company, of that city, the first bank in the world managed entirely by women, for women. The Board of Directors includes women who are prominent in banking and legal circles.

ty God, in His infinite wisdom to remove from this world our dear and intimate friend and teacher, Judge John C. Townes, and

Whereas, Judge Townes has so earnestly and devotedly given 27 years of the best of his singular life as our professor and dean to the rebuilding of the School of Law of the University of Texas, and is chiefly responsible for its present high standing, and

Whereas, Judge Townes, scholarly and learned, as our professor in the classroom has through all these years been truly our friend—unselfishly, endlessly laboring for our welfare; patient, kind and considerate, and untiring in his efforts that we, not he, might benefit, and

Whereas, we have known Judge Townes to be a dearest friend—a father in his concern for us and our lives; he has humbly helped us, as individuals and as a group representative of thousands, to meet our

J. R. Ross and C. E. Sears of Odell were here on business, Saturday.

Miss Harriett Weatherall of No. 21-2 Turner's Kraut, two 25c

COTTON POLICY IS ADVOCATED

NEW ORLEANS BANK SENDS OUT PLAN FOR FARMERS IN NEW YEAR

The Federal International Banking Company, of New Orleans, has sent out the following as a proposed Cotton Policy for 1924, which, however, does not affect Wilbarger county as this county is not bothered with the pests named in the statement:

"From evidence abundant in every state and neighborhood, the South can grow cotton profitably this year with average weather if the producers generally make use of the knowledge already acquired on weevil control.

"Small acreage, heavy fertilization and intensive cultivation.

"Selected seed of early-maturing varieties.

"Pre-square poisoning to catch the first brood of weevils emerging from hibernation.

"Picking up and burning fallen squares.

"Treatment with calcium arsenate when and as conditions advise.

"These methods in 1923 yielded profits even in the regions of heaviest infestation. With average weather in 1924 they will yield profits even with a larger crop and lower prices."

The programme is compiled from recommendations and experiences of successful farmers and specific advice by Dr. W. E. Hinds, State Entomologist of Alabama; J. N. Harger, director and agronomist of the Soil Improvement Committee of the Southern Fertilizer Association, and J. A. Evans, assistant chief of cooperative extension work conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture and agricultural colleges of the South.

Resolutions by Law Students on Death of Dean

Austin, Dec. 23.—Students of the Famous Bangit Chief Raisuli is dead.



Raisuli, w.

Mulat Ahmed Raisuli, brigand chief and former Governor of Tan giers, who recently gave his adherence to the Spanish government, is dead. It was feared he was poisoned. His chief claim to fame was kidnapping Ian H. Pendergast, an American citizen born in Athens for whose return President Roosevelt called the Sultan. "Pendergast alive or Raisuli dead." The Sultan paid the \$70,000 ransom and the American was released.

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AND

Vernon Record

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The Wichita Daily Times being unable to handle the thousands of subscriptions sent them under the terms of this exceptionally low rate and to give every one in this territory an opportunity to take advantage of this rate they have extended this offer until

Feb. 1st, 1924

Send in your check to The Record for \$5.00 or call at the office.

Consolidation Sale of Fine Groceries

OPENS THURSDAY Runs 10 Days

The W. W. Jones Grocery Company stock is being moved from the Anderson building on North Main street to our store on West Texas street, and in order to bring the consolidated stock down to meet the requirements of one store, we are offering special prices for ten days, beginning Thursday, January 3, 1924, on some of the best items of merchandise on which we are overstocked on account of the consolidation. Following are some of the special prices to be offered during the sale. There are scores of other values just as attractive as these. Look over the list and see what you need at these

Money Saving Prices

25-pound bag corn meal65c	Pure Ribbon Cane syrup, gal. 80c
No. 3 Tomatoes, two for25c	Honest and Garrett's Snuff . .30c
No. 2 1-2 Turner's Kraut, two 25c	Two Camel or Chesterfield Cigarettes25c
No. 2 1-2 Peaches, in syrup . .20c	Post Toasties, two for25c
No. 2 1-2 Apricots, in syrup .20c	Gallon Compound \$1.30
One gallon Peaches45c	Two cans Prince Albert25c
One gallon Apricots45c	25c Health Club Baking Powder15c
No. 2 English Peas, two for . .25c	Quart Welch Grape Juice . .55c
Gallon Karo white60c	Spuds per peck25c
Gallon Karo red60c	

At these prices you can afford to anticipate your needs for a few weeks and stock up your pantry. It has always been the policy of Eggleston's to buy and sell merchandise for cash on the lowest possible margin. The growth of our business has demonstrated that the people appreciate the values offered on the regular stock. This sale is just an opportunity to get even better values. All these goods are high class, fresh stock—the kind of merchandise we sell regularly and the kind you like to have in your pantry.

Eggleston's Grocery Company

Telephone 23

West Texas Just off Main

VERNON BUILDING IN 1923 EXCEEDED \$400,000 IN VALUE

DESPITE FACT THAT CITY BUILT THREE YEARS AHEAD DURING BIG OIL BOOM BUSINESS STILL GOOD

All Surplus Structures Absorbed and New Period Already Under Way With Unusual Activity Indicated for Year 1924 in Homes and Business Houses

Despite the fact that during the oil boom here, Vernon grew at such a rapid rate buildings were put up three years in excess of the normal growth of the city, the surplus building has already been absorbed since the boom subsided and during the year 1923 approximately \$400,000 in new buildings were erected. The figures are taken from specific cases of building and are accurate.

It has been the case in most towns that had oil booms that when the booms subsided, leaving little or no production behind, the towns became ghost towns, so to speak, for many years after. They were left with empty residences, empty business houses and empty pocketbooks. In many cases the surplus buildings have been left to decay before being used as some of such towns never recovered from the booms they experienced.

Vernon's Growth.

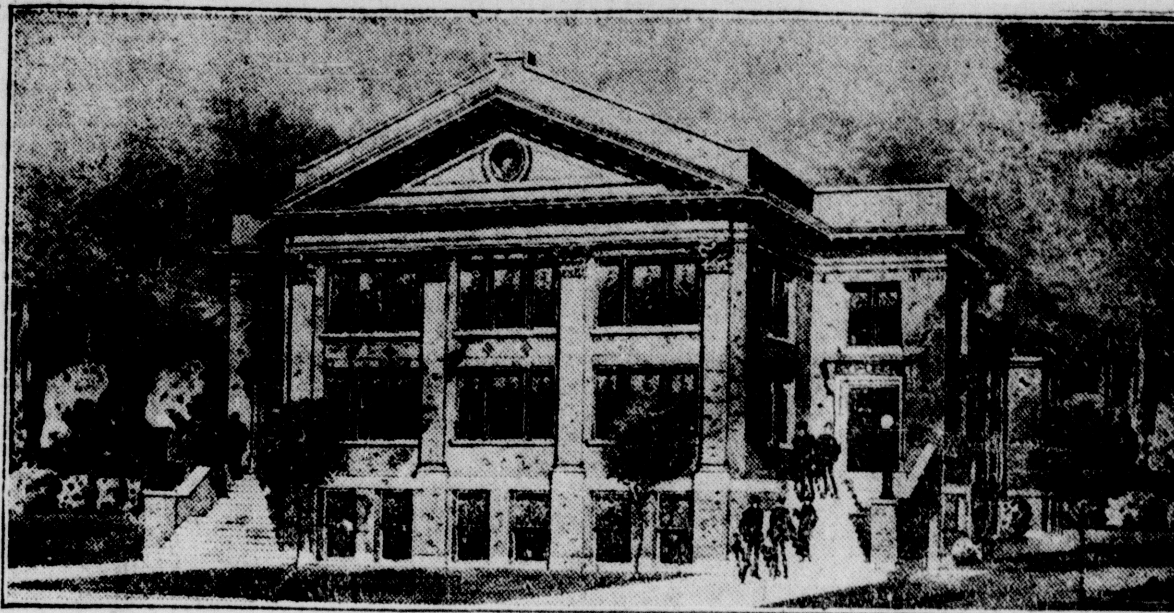
But Vernon is different from almost any other town or city that suffered a temporary boom. It is different because it has everything that was necessary to bring it back to normal. It is situated in such a rich and never failing farm belt that its growth under normal conditions is rapid and it took only a comparatively short time to recover from the boom and continue growing. In fact, Vernon never suffered like many towns do when a boom subsides. The oil interests may have suffered and business men generally suffered some because of overstocks and high priced goods on their shelves, but the cotton crop came on and saved the day so that they were not completely ruined. Whatever there was of complete

ruin from the oil boom was confined strictly to the field of speculation and did not touch the more conservative agricultural element.

So with the buildings that were erected to take care of the needs of the city during the boom, all occupied within two or three years after the boom period. Vernon had caught up and started growing again. The year 1923 had scarcely arrived before, considerable building activity was under way and there was every evidence that the growth of the city would continue on a steady basis. This first estimate was correct, as was proven by subsequent developments. While no sensational building campaign developed in 1923, a far greater activity in building than could have been expected by the most optimistic, did get under way. Prices of construction went down considerably under boom prices and even under subsequent year prices. Rentals became more reasonable and the city began to grow. Now it is on the eve of one of the most substantial growths in its history and business men have estimated that there will be many hundreds of thousands of dollars put into buildings here this year.

Some of the substantial business houses, public utilities and residences built here during 1923 were: J. H. Pendleton building, W. H. Evans building, A. P. Peck building, Manis Filling Station, New Ice Station, City Light and Water plant with additional power and buildings, Vernon Hospital, Mason building, Vernon Record building, Vernon Electric and Ice Company, utility improvements including gas, cable, Presbyterian church, Lutheran church, Elzy Youngblood

NEW CHURCH BEING ERECTED BY VERNON PRESBYTERIANS.



NEW LUTHERAN CHURCH BUILDING

STRUCTURE COSTING ABOUT \$20,000 WILL BE COMPLETED SOON

The New Lutheran Church now under construction on Wilbarger street in the Eastern part of the city, will be completed within a few weeks and will be ready for occupancy. The building was designed by Harvey C. Allen and is being constructed by R. L. Jones, who is also building the New Presbyterian Church. The edifice is to cost about \$20,000 complete.

Rev. J. A. Birnbaum is pastor of the Lutheran Church and it has been through his untiring effort and help of his church members that the new church was erected. It is a modern church plant of unusually pretty design and has been built to fill all the needs of the congregation for a house of worship.

residence, E. B. Owens residence, Crow Sisters residence, C. J. Farrell residence, A. C. Boger residence, C. W. Oliver residence, W. E. Gandy residence, J. P. King residence, S. C. Johnson residence, P. D. Chaney residence, Walter McGee residence, L. McCarter residence.

Fred Newth Out for Nomination for County Tax Assessor

To the voters of Wilbarger County: I desire to announce my candidacy for the office of County Tax Assessor, subject to the action of the Democratic primary to be held in July.

I came to Vernon twenty years ago this month and accepted a position with the old Vernon Hotel, which was later acquired by J. Ray and the name of the paper changed to The Vernon Record. I have been employed continuously in this business since coming to Vernon. I am making the race at the solicitation of no one but myself, and I feel that I am thoroughly capable of handling the affairs of the office in the event of my election.

I have never before sought a public office and I believe that my long residence in Wilbarger County and knowledge of business matters and property values entitles me to consideration at the hands of the voters. I will make an effort to personally see every voter in the County before election. I invite investigation into my fitness for the place of Tax Assessor and will appreciate the support of all who feel that I am worthy of the office.

FRED NEWTH.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Clay and family of Wichita Falls were guests of her mother, Mrs. W. W. Grever, Sunday.

HIGH SCHOOL TO BE MODERN

BIDS WILL BE OPENED JANUARY 30 FOR SPLENDID NEW BUILDING HERE

Progress of the public school system of Vernon is shown not only in the additional credits given for instruction, but in the general development along physical lines. The new High School building, for which bids are to be opened January 30, is to be completed for the opening of the next fall school term. The bonds voted for the building, with the premium for which they were sold, totaled approximately \$115,000 out of which amount the grounds were bought.

The new school building was planned by Guy A. Carlander, architect, of Amarillo, who specializes in school buildings and has an unusual record for the number of buildings he has planned in Texas. Every detail of the plans were thoroughly gone over before being finally accepted by the School Board.

The new building is to be as complete in every way as a building the size could be. Besides about 20 class rooms, it will have an auditorium that will seat 900 people and will have a large stage with ample dressing rooms. It will have

PRESBYTERIANS SHOW PROGRESS

MODERN CHURCH STRUCTURE SOON TO BE COMPLETED AT BIG COST

While the new First Presbyterian Church was not ready for occupancy as soon as was expected, it will be completed within a few weeks and when finished will be one of the finest church structures in this section of the state. It will not be the largest or even among the largest when some of those in Dallas, Fort Worth and other larger cities are taken into consideration, but it will be as complete a plant as can be found.

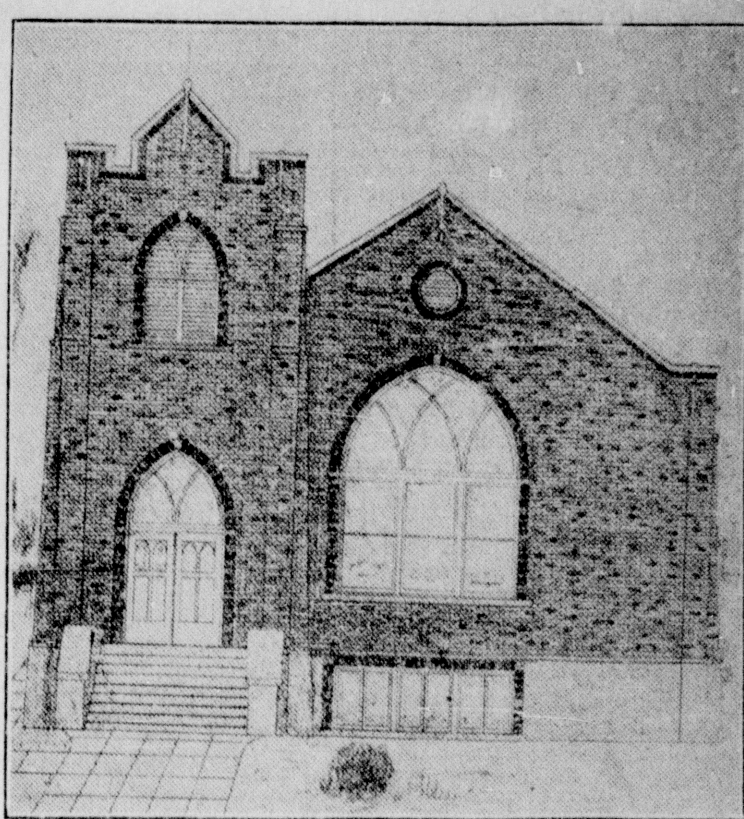
The new Presbyterian church was designed by T. J. Galbraith of Dallas, who has specialized in church architecture and has designed many church edifices in Texas. Besides the main auditorium, it has Sunday school class rooms, pastor's study, reception room, gymnasium, kitchen, shower bath and, in fact, everything that will go to make it a building which will enable the church to draw the young people and the older ones too toward the church. The church social life will center around the church building.

The church was planned and the contract let through the efforts of the pastor, Dr. E. L. Moore, working in conjunction with the building committee. Members of the church were so enthusiastic that the funds for the building were raised with very little extra effort. The women's organizations have contracted for and will buy the pipe organ, which while not one of the largest, will be one of the best in the South. While the contract price for the church was about \$35,000, it will cost approximately \$45,000 completed and equipped.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Shive returned Saturday night from Santa Anna, Calif., where they have been for several months.

study hall, laboratories, kitchens for domestic science and various other features that go to make a complete school plant. It will have a modern heating system and the lighting feature is one of the best points of the building, the design being especially to give as much light as possible.

LUTHERAN CHURCH SOON TO BE COMPLETED.



New house of worship being constructed on Wilbarger street in the eastern portion of city is to cost approximately \$20,000 and will be completed in every detail for a church edifice.

J. W. Brock Jr. Is After Second Term as County Clerk

To the voters of Wilbarger County: I desire to announce for re-election for a second term to the office of County Clerk, subject to the action of the Democratic primary in July.

I have held the office of County Clerk for a little more than a year and feel that my experience will enable me to better discharge the duties of the office during my second term, if nominated and elected. I have been possible in my first term. I fully appreciate the importance of the office of Clerk, knowing that the many details of the office relating to land titles and other important matters must have the most painstaking and careful attention in order to safeguard the property interests of the people of the County.

The support of any and all the voters who feel that I am qualified to discharge the duties of County Clerk and that I am entitled to elec-

tion to a second term will be appreciated.

J. W. BROCK, JR.

Cy Long was in Frederick, Okla., on business Monday.

Harry Norwood of Electra spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Norwood.

J. H. Joseph, well known farmer of the Ragland community, was in Vernon yesterday on business.

Ted Farnell and Floyd McCroskey will return tomorrow to Austin after a visit with their relatives here during the holidays. They are attending Texas University.

Jesse Payne, who has been in Ingleswood, California, for several months, has returned and re-purchased his interest in the Vernon Planing Mill here.

H. W. Cobe of Fargo, came in yesterday to attend the Cotton Growers' Association meeting which was postponed, then faced the North wind back homeward last night.

Growth Based on Service

The growth of Vernon and Wilbarger County through more than a third of a century has been reflected in the growth of this institution, but the community's growth has brought about our growth only because the officers and directors of The Waggoner National Bank have recognized from the very outset that a Bank must do something more than merely receive deposits and loan money to its customers. A Bank that allows such a view to dominate its policy is certain to fail. The Waggoner National Bank has always regarded as correct business policy the idea that the community has a right to expect more of a Bank than mere handling of money for its customers. The Waggoner National has always sought to discharge that obligation resting upon it of co-operating in every forward movement for the community, regardless of whether it was to profit directly from the success of such movements. The Waggoner National feels that the interests of the community are the interests of this Bank and is glad to contribute its full share to the development of the community, believing that as the community prospers and grows this Bank will likewise prosper and grow.

Service to its customers over and above the bare obligations of ordinary business; service to the community, even to the point of doing more than a just share in the common tasks of development and progress—these have been the foundation stones of this institution and provide all the explanation that is needed for the growth of The Waggoner National Bank.

OUR WISH IS THAT THE NEW YEAR WILL BRING A LIBERAL PORTION OF SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS TO EVERY CITIZEN OF WILBARGER COUNTY.

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W. H. HUGGINS, Assistant Cashier

W. O. ANDERSON, Vice President
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T. A. KEY, Cashier
J. A. DIXON, Director

S. C. HOGSETT, Assistant Cashier
T. H. SHIVE, Director

VERNON SCHOOLS RANK HIGH FOR TRAINING GIVEN

Supt. E. L. Dohoney Has Built Up Educational System Here To Be Among Best To Be Found in South Among Same Size Town

Vernon has one of the best public school systems of any city its size in the south. While the buildings are not as elaborate or as well equipped as some in larger cities, they are substantial and with the new \$115,000 high school building on which construction is to begin in a short time, there will be ample buildings to house the pupils. It is in management, courses of instruction, efficiency of instruction and ability to turn out well educated high school graduates that the Vernon schools excel. E. L. Dohoney, the superintendent, is a man who has had many years experience as an educator and his management of the schools here has been marked by unusual progress until the schools now are ranked among the best in the state.

During the last six years the public schools here have shown a healthy growth, but not until the last two years has the growth been so unusual. From the records in the superintendent's office the following figures have been secured:

Total Enrollment: High School	1918-19	1132	208
	1919-20	1270	254
	1920-21	1475	275
	1921-22	1616	297
	1922-23	1796	362

In the whole school there has been an increase of over 58 per cent while the high school shows an increase of over 74 per cent. The present enrollment in the High School is 387, which is about 86 per cent increase over 1918. There were 11 graduates from the High School in 1918 of whom two were boys and nine were girls. There will be about 60 to graduate this year and of that number 27 are boys, showing that more boys have been attending school through the graduation class each year and thereby the efficiency of the school in educating the youth of Vernon has been increased many fold.

The following new courses have been added to the curriculum in the High School: Domestic Art, Manual Training, Mechanical Drawing, Spanish, Economics, Trigonometry, Physical Training and The Bible. The bulletin from the State Department of Education shows that the Vernon High School in 1918 had 15 1/2 affiliated credits and this year it has 29 1/2 credits of which 7 1/2 have been added during the last two years.

When the new building is completed and new equipment added additional courses may be offered for more college credits. Mr. Dohoney said. There is a large percentage of children who never attend college and for this reason Mr. Dohoney thinks the High School course of study should be broad in order to give these children an opportunity to fit themselves for citizenship.

Mr. Dohoney said he thinks the people of Vernon are to be congratulated on their fore thought in providing school facilities, especially the new High School building, construction of which is to begin soon after the new year.

Girl Begins Sentence of 34 Years.



Edna Bond, inmate.

Edna Bond has begun to serve a 34-year sentence in the Stark County Workhouse, in West Virginia. Revenue agents found an immense still in her mountain home. She was sentenced to seven years and fined \$6,000 and costs, which she must work out at the rate of 60 cents a day, keeping her in prison 27 years longer.

Mrs. J. E. Collins and daughter, Miss Frances, have returned from a visit with relatives in Childress.

Long's Battery Shop is closing out entire stock at unbelievable prices and it will pay you to get one of those batteries. 102-21c

Mrs. B. L. Smith and little son have returned to their home in Junction after a visit with Mrs. Smith's father, Judge E. L. McHugh and family.

AUNT JEMIMA FLOUR

Pure Soft Wheat

PLAIN OR SELF RISING

"See in town Money"

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HOTELS REPORT BIG BUSINESS

REMINDER OF BOOM DAYS DURING COTTON MARKETING SEASON HERE

Hotel business is an indication of how a town is progressing. It is a good indicator because if a town is not progressive and is doing no business then the traveling men, the business men looking for investments and the numerous other persons who come to a town and stop at hotels, would not come. A poor town always has poor hotel business and good towns always have good hotel business.

Both the Bailey Hotel and the Vernon Hotel as well as some of the smaller places, have been crowded with people sleeping on cots more than once during the fall of 1923. S. W. Bailey, owner of the Bailey Hotel said this fall and the early winter has been unusually good for the hotel business and there have been times when people had to be turned away. That was just a slight reminder of the boom days.

Miss Ada Pierce, Vernon Hotel operator, has reported business as good as could be desired at various times. The Vernon Hotel also has been filled to capacity and had to turn people away more than once during the past several weeks.

The fact that the hotels have

been crowded, is not due to boom. It is due to the fact that while the cotton crop was being harvested, buyers, brokers, traveling men and various other kinds of business men were here to do their part in handling the ordinary run of business the prosperity of the county and community brought in more than could be accommodated for short periods. Both the leading hotels are well equipped.

J. T. Rape, Jr., of Shreveport, La., is a guest this week of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Rape.

Miss Mary McHugh, who spent the holidays here with her father, Judge E. L. McHugh, and family, has returned to Denton where she is attending the North Texas State Teachers' college.

MANY THINGS TO SEE HERE

WILBARGER COUNTY HAS ATTRACTIONS FOR ALL RIGHT AT HER DOOR

Wilbarger county is not simply a county of homes, or good farms and good people. It has many attractions for those who live here. The fact that the county is just about half way between Amarillo and Fort Worth and that either place can be reached in a few hours by direct train service or by automobile on one of the big national highways, is one thing that makes this

county attractive to people who live here. One of the other features of interest is the fact that Wilbarger county has many distinct kinds of land. In the actual and itself the soil ranges from light sand through darker sands on to tight land that will grow as good crops as any other land when the rainfall is sufficient. The sub-irrigated valley land with hardpan subsoil needs much less rain than any other character of soil.

In contour the county is unusual. It stretches an open prairie rolling to the setting sun and then on the South it has rolling hills that constitute most of the pasture land. While there is some prairie there is considerable wooded territory, which is unusual in this immediate section of the state and there are

many pretty groves of trees on River, Pease River and Be creek.

In addition to the streams in county, it is only an hours drive of the big Wichita Dam and the which runs for many miles along the rolling hills and breaks along the original channel of Wichita river. Then it is on drive of an hour and a few miles to Lake Pauline where some of the best fishing in this section of state can be found.

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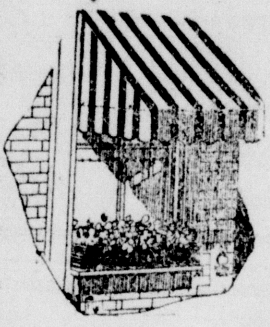
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Year In and Year Out Land
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There was considerably more activity in Wilbarger county real estate during the month of December than at any other period of the year, according to local real estate dealers, and the activity extended even to city property. The new year opens with real estate men feeling confident they are going to have a good season.

Real estate in Wilbarger county is different from real estate in most counties, the dealers say. In fact this is a county of home owners and very few of them want to sell. "Farmers who have settled here and own their own farms know, as nearly as possible, what the land will do year in and year out," U. S. Davis, head of the firm of Davis, Webb and Summerour said, "so they know it is best to remain here. Most of them have raised families here and want to remain near their families, so what might be termed the conservative element instead of going on westward as some do, generally remain here and buy more land. It is the fact that some farmers are going westward for cheaper land and are selling their places which are being bought by those who want to stay here. That is making real estate business better than it has been."

Mr. Davis mentioned that from the entire Eastern section of the state and even from other states, there has been a general movement westward but that Wilbarger county land is above the price of the land on West and since the people here know best what it will produce, they buy it up when others want to sell.

If Wilbarger county land is rated on the true valuation of land given many years ago, "Land is worth only what it will produce," then the land in this county would be much higher than it is. There are hundreds of acres of land in this county that cost from \$75 to \$100 per acre which more than paid out the entire purchase price this year and have done so before. In-

proved farms can be bought in this county at from \$50 to \$150 per acre and such farms will often pay for themselves in one year.

While cotton is the main money crop in a greater part of the county, there are many thousands of bushels of wheat raised here each year and hundreds of tons of alfalfa are also produced. There is alfalfa growing in the county now that has been planted over 10 years and which produces as many as five cuttings per year. The alfalfa often makes a ton to the cutting per acre. Wilbarger county has never had a complete crop failure.

The peaches, plums, apricots and some other fruits grown in this county are famous. There are peach trees in Vernon 20 years old and still producing. Some fine cherries, some of the best blackberries, dewberries, and other berries are grown here each year. The sweet potatoes, watermelons and cantaloupes raised in the Pease River Valley are famous.

So it is that with all its advantages, Wilbarger county land is just about as conservative an investment as government bonds and can be counted on to produce a much greater rate of interest, year in and year out. Land values here

are not too high. In fact dealers say values are away under what they are in some sections of the state—in most sections to be exact—for land that will produce the same products.

SERBIAN WILL RETURN HOME

STUDENT AT TEXAS UNIVERSITY WANTS TO HELP HIS NATIVE COUNTRY

Austin, Dec. 31.—"I really like the United States better than Serbia," said Alexandre Peter Militchewitch, "but I must go back because I feel it is my duty."

Militchewitch will receive his bachelor of science degree in civil engineering next June and will probably sail for Serbia in August. He was recently elected to membership in Tau Beta Pi, honorary engineering fraternity, for excellent scholastic standing.

Militchewitch was born in Belgrade, Serbia. When the war

broke out in 1914, he was only sixteen years old and still in high school, but he volunteered and entered the Red Cross service. He was stationed in northern Serbia which was the frontier. Then the army moved south and in 1915 retreated before Mackensen, general of the German army, through Albania and down to the Adriatic sea coast. Next, he was stationed on the island of Corfu, where the army was recognized. From Corfu he went to Salonica, a port on the Aegean Sea, and there all the high school and college students were discharged from the army and sent to France to school. He arrived at Marseilles and then was sent to the Isle of Corsica.

The "public school" in Serbia conforms to the lower grades of the American schools, and the Serbian "gymnasium," or high school, lasts eight years. Militchewitch finished high school in Nice, France. Then he was sent to the Institute Electro Technique, which is a preparatory school for Ecole Centrale, an engineering school. Only ten students of the highest standing are chosen from the preparatory school every year to go to the Ecole Centrale. Militchewitch

was then sent to Clarmont-Ferrand, and from there to Paris, where he spent a year and a half studying the sciences and French.

In August, 1919, he left France for Serbia and after arriving home he heard of the students being sent to the United States to school. In less than three weeks about 40 students, Militchewitch among them, were chosen and set sail for America. Militchewitch and one other student were sent to a Presbyterian school in Alma, Mich. Neither could speak a word of English.

"But in two or three weeks we were having very nice conversations in English," he said. "We had good teachers and they spent most of their spare time talking to us."

The next June, Militchewitch went to New York and worked in an office as a draftsman. When the summer was over the committee in charge of educating the foreign students sent him to Texas.

Militchewitch has been in the University of Texas three years, and says in the summer time he misses the University and is always glad to come back. He has made the honor roll almost every term he has been here, is a member of Ramshorn Society, the Cosmopolitan Club, and

American Society of Civil Engineers.

"When asked how he liked Texas girls, Militchewitch said solemnly: 'I don't like flappers. There aren't any flappers in Serbia. But not all the girls here are flappers, and I've met some that I liked very much.'"

His cousin, Rakitch, is poet laureate of Serbia, and his brother received his degree in law from Oxford and is now living in Belgrade. The two boys are the only remaining members of the Militchewitch family.

E. H. Richie, prosperous farmer of Lockett, came in yesterday to attend to business.

Miss Myrtle Huntley has returned to Olney, where she teaches school, after a visit with relatives here.

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Vernon is well supplied with railroads which serve to bring in freight and carry passengers for and from this section of the state. It is on the main line of the Fort Worth and Denver railroad having through fast passenger train service to both Fort Worth and Denver with connecting points at

both ends and between for other railroads. It is also on the Frisco railroad, trains running direct from Vernon to Enid, Okla., where connections are made for distant points in the central west.

The railroads enable shippers to send their products East, West, North or South, either directly or through nearby connections.

District Attorney John Store left today for Amarillo to attend the annual meeting of District and County Attorneys to be held there January 3.

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This growth has not been accidental. It is the result of a policy of recognizing and meeting the just obligations placed upon a bank by its customers and the community as a whole. Banks grow and prosper as they are conducted along sound business lines and meet the demands of an ever-increasing list of customers. The Farmers State Bank has been no exception to this rule. If it had been conducted otherwise the predictions of failure for it would have seen fruition long before the passage of thirteen years—years of prosperity, years of booms, years of adversity and depression. It takes all kinds of business conditions to test the soundness of a business policy.

We take this opportunity to express our appreciation of the friendship and support of those who have contributed to the success of The Farmers State Bank and to wish for all a very prosperous year of 1924.

The Farmers State Bank

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OUR PLACE IN THE COMMUNITY

This Company recognizes the obligations, both expressed and implied, which rest upon it as a result of permits to do business. Electricity is a service, rather than a commodity. It cannot be bought from manufacturers and jobbers and kept in stock to be delivered to consumers as and when they wish to use it. To be of any value, electric service must be constant, steady, dependable. It must be ready for use at every moment of the day, even though the consumer needs it only for a few minutes for lighting or to perform some other little use about the home, office, factory or business house.

If electricity could be stored, like merchandise, the problem of electric service would be greatly simplified and cheapened, but our engines and dynamos down at the plant must be kept running constantly producing electricity, whether any of it is being used at some particular hour or not. Our plant must be able to carry what is termed the "peak load" just as easily as it does the "valley load," and the intensity of the electric current must remain approximately the same throughout every hour of the day, otherwise its value would be greatly impaired.

We fully appreciate this obligation and our constant aim is to meet it. Since acquiring the Vernon property the capacity of the power plant has been doubled. We have two separate units, either of which is capable of carrying the load and serving our patrons if the other becomes incapacitated through some accident. Transmission lines have been renewed with heavier lines and every precaution has been taken to guard against any interruption or deterioration of service in order that our patrons may have every reasonable assurance that their electric service will be constant and dependable at all times and under all conditions. Improvements and extensions are still being made so as to make electric service available to every citizen of Vernon. These improvements and extensions have necessarily greatly increased our investment in Vernon. But they merely form a part of our policy of meeting our obligations to the community in return for the right to do business.

Our New Year wish is that every citizen of Vernon may enjoy a full measure of happiness and prosperity in the twelve months intervening this day and another one of father Time's milestones.

Vernon Electric & Ice Co.

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SOME OF BEST CONCRETE ROAD IS FOUND HERE

Wilbarger County Paving Attracts Attention of Engineers from Many Parts of Nation Who Say It Is Among Best Ever Built

Wilbarger county has some of the best concrete road in the United States. The total mileage already constructed or under contract is just 16, but what road has been built is of such a type engineers say it will outlast much of the concrete road built in some other counties. In fact the concrete road of this county has attracted special attention of engineers from many parts of the country and it has been classed by all who have seen it as the best in the nation.

During the year 1923 one and one-half miles of the concrete road were built on the Condon Springs road, which is a section of the Colorado-Gulf Highway and on the other

end, toward Oklaunion, three miles was constructed with three-fourths of a mile built North of Pease river. In addition to this the contract has been let for 3.6 miles which will carry the concrete to Tolbert.

In addition to the road built or for which the contract has been let, a bond issue is pending in the Harrold district with a view of paving the road from the end of the Wichita County line at Electra on to Harrold. This will aid materially in filling in the gap on the Gulf Colorado Highway from Electra to the end of the paving East from Vernon which has reached almost to Oklaunion.

A great deal of the road constructed in Wilbarger county is 18 feet wide while some of it is only 16 feet wide. The last contracts let call for 18 foot roadway. The last road to be built cost only about \$30,000 per mile, exclusive of bridges and grade, but the cost is considerably cheaper than some that was constructed during the high prices of labor and material.

In addition to the concrete road in Wilbarger county there are many miles of graded roads. All the paving that has been done was during the administration of former County Judge E. L. McHugh, now County Auditor.

MODERN TOURIST CAMP IN VERNON

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE STAY
OVER HERE BECAUSE OF
UNUSUAL PARK

One of Vernon's best advertising features is the free tourist camp adjoining the Fair Grounds. There are tourist camps and more tourist camps scattered throughout the United States, but none of them have attracted more attention in such a short period than has the tourist camp here.

Vernon's tourist camp is recognized as one of the best in the West. It is far better than any other between Fort Worth and Denver and as good as any to be found. It is complete. There are rows and rows of shade trees and the grounds are even so that camps can be pitched with a minimum of preparation. There are cooking ovens and fuel supplied, there are sanitary toilets, shower baths, buildings for cooking in case of rain or bad weather and every other feature that goes to make a modern camp, even an ample supply of Electric lights and a telephone.

During the past tourist season an average of 85 automobiles per day stayed in the camp during the rush period, and thousands of persons spent the night and some of them several days and nights, in the camp during the season. Some of them liked it so well they considered their stay here a feature of their trip through the West and remained over several days.

The camp is just one block North of the Colorado-Gulf Highway, which is paved a considerable distance both ways from the camp.

County Fair Is Among Best This State Can Boast

Wilbarger county has a fair each year which brings thousands of persons to Vernon. It is an event which is looked forward to by the people of the county and by hundreds in surrounding counties.

The fair owns its own grounds which are situated West of the city and are fast becoming a part of the city. The tourist park adjoins the grounds and the spot is one of beauty.

While the buildings at the fair

grounds are not fine, they have served the purpose during the past years and plans have been under way for some time to put in new buildings. Before the last fair, which was held in September, several thousands of dollars were spent in remodeling and improving the buildings and race course.

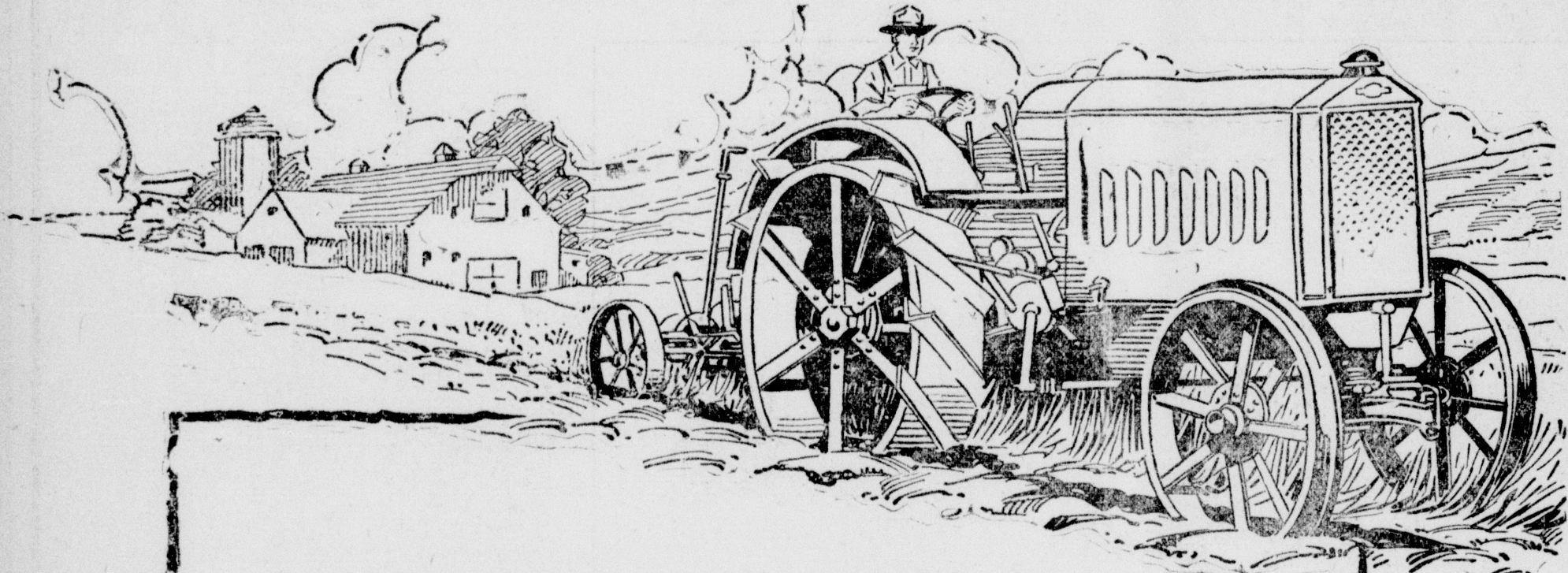
Exhibits of live stock, poultry, farm products and art work brought to the fair each year could hardly be excelled by a fair of similar size. The races are a feature and the best of shows are brought for the midway.

Walter McElroy has returned to Holiday after a visit with Thornton Ferguson.

Mrs. T. E. Standifer left yesterday for a visit with relatives at Elk City, Okla.

Mrs. W. H. Huggins and Miss Lillian Murchison have returned from Holiday where they spent the holidays with Mrs. Huggins' relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Farrell and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lisman have returned from Fort Worth where they spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hagler, parents of Mrs. Farrell and Mrs. Lisman.



Happy New Year

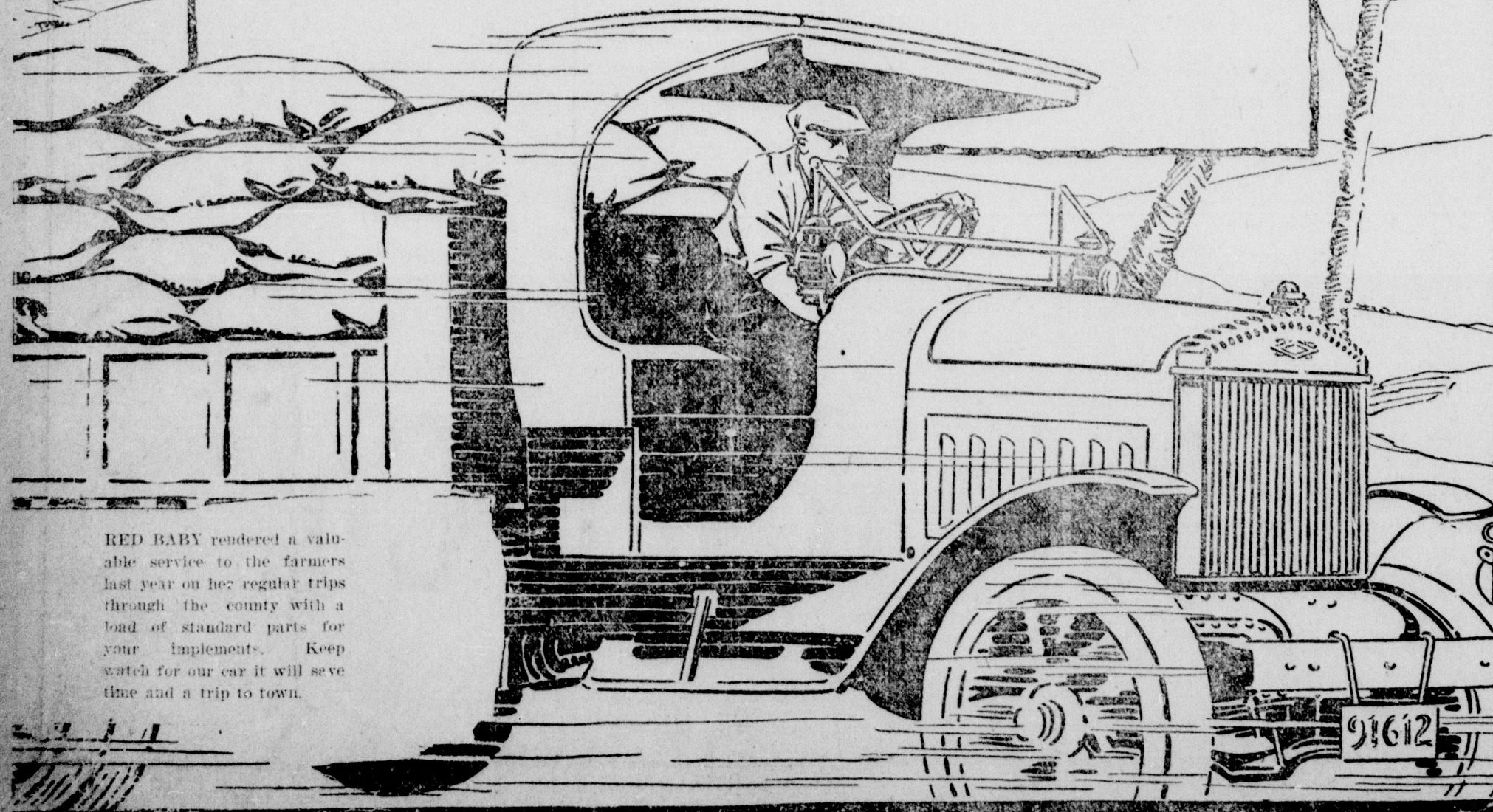
As a New Year's Resolution this firm pledges itself to the faithful service to the farmers of Wilbarger County. Our 1924 stocks will be at all times complete with standard farm implements, power farm machinery and every thing needed on the farm. Our prices will be as low as possible and based on close consistent business methods.

Our P. & O. Canton listers have been received and are now ready for delivery at any time. Needless to try to tell you about the P. & O. as it has been the favorite lister for years. Satisfaction and service will tell more than words.

No doubt you will need some repairs for some of your old make implements to get them in shape for use when needed. We ask that you come in and give us a list of the parts you will need in order that we can get them in stock before you need them. Do this as soon as possible.

We are anxious to be of service to all farmers. Call on us—Use us.

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RED BABY rendered a valuable service to the farmers last year on her regular trips through the county with a load of standard parts for your implements. Keep watch for our car it will save time and a trip to town.

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GREETINGS

To Our Friends and Customers

With the close of the old year, our hearts are filled with appreciation of the patronage of our friends. Bringing you the joys that come from health, prosperity and contentment. We want to thank you for your patronage during the old year. We assure you that we have striven in word and action to merit your confidence and good will. With the coming of 1924 we anticipate the pleasure of continuing to number you among our friends and customers. This message, we hope, will find its way to those who have helped to make this business what it is today.

We are here to serve and to help—command us.

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Our New Year's Resolution

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We are well lined up with the larger eastern buyers and will be able to pay you a fair price for all produce you have to sell.

We Wish

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GREAT PROGRESS BY MUNICIPALITY FOR YEAR 1923

City Officials Expend Substantial Sum to Improve Water Works, Build Park and Establish Commercial Lighting Plant

Vernon, which for many years has been known as the prettiest town in Northwest Texas, because of its trees, its wide paved streets and pretty homes, has made considerable progress during the past year. One of the features of the year has been the addition of another park for a playground. This is the city lake just Northwest of the City limits where a body of water covering almost 10 acres has been impounded and equipment put in for swimming so that Vernon has a municipal bathing pool, or lake, and the banks of the lake are being beautified so that it will some day be a splendid park.

Allingham Park, which is one of the prettiest small parks between Fort Worth and Denver, Colo., was improved considerably during the past year. Playground equipment was put in by the women's clubs and a concrete stage was erected for giving outdoor entertainment. The city officials, has made many improvements. In addition to the lake the city has increased the capacity of her water supply from 200,000 gallons to 500,000 gallons per day. The municipal light plant has been put into operation so that the city now has a total horsepower of 600 for lighting and pumping purposes. In addition to furnishing street lights, the city is in the commercial lighting business.

The fire department has been improved by the purchase of 1000 more feet of hose during the year and the extension of the fire limits. Eight steam connection fire plugs were put in down in the main part of the city and more fire plugs

were put out in the residence districts.

Mayor Harry Mason and the commissioners have caused the improvements and according to the city's figures, the total cost of the light plant, the addition to the water plant and all, has been about \$125,000. The tax rate remains the same as the previous year, \$1.70 on the \$100 valuation and the valuation on property was slightly lowered. The 1923 valuation was \$5,744,458, while in 1923 it was reduced to \$5,734,256.

Work of Mothers for Year 1923 Is Given Praise

Mrs. S. M. N. Maers, State President of the Texas Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teachers Associations, at the close of 1923 congratulates the organization on the culmination of a most prosperous year. But in a New Year's Message she points to the future and briefly outlines the big tasks planned for 1924. She says: "Another New Year! It seems but yesterday since we welcomed the advent of 1923 and promised to fill every day with something really worth while. And have we kept our promise? Well, we have tried, and the wonderful growth of our organization shows that much thought and time and effort have been spent in an earnest endeavor to make every day count."

"Last year is now a matter of history. Today we must be interested in the new year that is before us. We realize that we have a big program to carry out in 1924. Whatever success we attained last year must serve as but an impetus for the new year's activities."

"This year we have pledged ourselves to increase our organization to 50,000 members and 1,000 clubs by April 1st. We have also declared for an educated membership, and to attain that we are planning to establish Parent-Teacher Association schools of instruction in a number of our teacher training institutions next summer."

"And then we have agreed that, since parenthood is the one profes-

sion that allows no vacation, and since its busiest season is when school is not in session, our associations should hold together all year round and the summer months should be given largely to the providing of wholesome recreation and profitable employment to our young people. We have further pledged to assist in the formation of preschool circles in order that the young mother may have an opportunity to study the welfare of her child at the important two-to-six period which has been called 'the great determining time.'

"Again we have promised to lend our combined strength to the task of stamping out illiteracy in our state, concentrating our efforts on the education of the child and demanding a strict enforcement of the compulsory school attendance and child labor laws; and we have given our unqualified endorsement to the Educational Survey."

"We are also pledged to continue our campaign for better health and more wholesome recreation. We voted to receive the report of the Rural Child Welfare Survey now being made in our State, and pledged

ourselves to study the report in order to be able to deal more wisely with the problem."

And then there is our legislative program. Our organization pledged to work for Peace, Prohibition, the Child Labor Amendment, the Townner-Sterling Bill and the Home Economics Amendment to the Smith-Hughes Educational Bill. Besides this we have promised to take seriously our suffrage obligation and to vote in the coming election for such candidates, local, county, state and national, as will work for the enactment and enforcement of laws that will make our communities, our state, and our nation, a safe place in which to rear our children.

"Altogether we have laid out for ourselves a colossal task but by no means an impossible one. With a group of interested workers, whose efforts are unified and concentrated on giving the children of our country a chance to be healthy, happy and holy—nothing is impossible."

"And now may the new year bring to you peace, prosperity, a

fulfillment of purpose, and a great desire and opportunity for service."

S. L. Page Enters as Candidate for Precinct Office

S. L. Page, well known Wilbarger County farmer, was announced, in this issue of the Record, his candidacy for Commissioner of Precinct No. 3. In making his announcement Mr. Page has address-

A Good Thing - DON'T MISS IT.

Send your name and address plainly written together with 5 cents (and this slip) to Chamberlain Medicine Co., Des Moines, Iowa, and receive in return a trial package containing Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for coughs, colds, croup, bronchial, "flu" and whooping coughs and tickling throat; Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets for stomach troubles, indigestion, gassy pains that crowd the heart, biliousness and constipation, Chamberlain's Salve, needed in every family for burns, scalds, wounds, piles, and skin affections; these valued family medicines for only 5 cents. Don't miss it.

ed the following communication to the voters of his precinct: "Having been solicited by a number of voters living within this precinct, to become a candidate for the office of county commissioner, I take this opportunity to say to them that I have yielded to their solicitations and am hereby announcing my candidacy for the responsible office, subject to the action of the next July Democratic primary."

"I request that every voter who resides within this precinct give

my candidacy a careful consideration and if upon your investigation, you believe that I have the ability to discharge the many duties of this office and am worthy of the same, I earnestly solicit your support, promising you that if nominated and elected, I will studiously strive to acquaint myself with the many duties of a county commissioner and will endeavor to consistently "I request that every voter who and will endeavor to consistently and fearlessly perform same."

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Is one thing we are noted for at our lunch counter. Any time, day or night, you can sit down at our counter and get this delicious beverage. And don't forget our rolls, cakes, pies, sandwiches and other good food dainties.

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Yours,

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Residence Phone 221
Waggoner National Bank Building— (Old Me)

C. S. McCulloch

AUCTION SALE!

At 1 O'clock P. M.
TUESDAY, JAN. 8

2 Miles West of Fargo School House

Having decided to leave this section of the country, going too far to ship, I am offering my entire farming outfit for sale at public auction for the high dollar, without reserve or limit. Sale will be held at my farm two miles west of Fargo School House. Following is a partial list of items to be sold:

One three-section drag harrow	One 275-pound fat hog
One turning plow	One span mules
One McCormick eight-foot binder	Two Jersey Cows
One ten-runner wheat disc drill	One thoroughbred Jersey bull calf
One Deering mower	Two yearling Jersey heifers
One hay rake	One fat Jersey Calf
500 yards of hog wire	One double disc Saunders plow
Two-horse buggy and harness	One sulky plow
	One cultivator

All sums under \$10 cash, all over that amount on approved notes due November 1, 1924.

Some household furniture, hoes, rakes and numerous other articles are included in this sale.

M. L. McDANIEL, Owner

G. W. RICHARDSON, Auctioneer

How Fascinating the 1924 Model BUICK

Its superiorities in the way of performance and the construction for permanent durability mark the Buick as the "Standard of Comparison."

And particularly do we wish to draw your close attention to the admirable New 1924 Models with all the outstanding features including the four wheel brake.

There is something better, something surer, something more substantial, something more beautiful which marks the Buick as "The American Family Automobile."

BUICK SERVICE

Our service department is in charge of Brad Hancock and Edd Krebs. You will be able to find no better mechanics anywhere than these men. The economy of having your car serviced right is easily appreciated by all car owners.

During the coming year we will maintain for your benefit a service that will take care of your Buick in a most satisfactory manner. We want you to feel that this is your service station and to feel free to ask questions about your car at any time.

WE PLEDGE OURSELVES TO BETTER
SERVICE AS A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

The Vernon Auto Co.

BOB CREWS, Manager

VERNON'S BANKS SHOW PROGRESS FOR YEAR 1923

Liberal Policy Has Resulted
in Farmers and Business
Men Being Able to Get
Accommodation on Solid
Basis at All Times

Vernon's four banks which have shown steady growth from year to year and which have been known throughout this section for reliability, are beginning the new year in the pink of condition. Due to the cotton crop having just about been harvested, the bank deposits are now heavy and an estimate of the total amount of money on deposit in the four banks of Vernon for January 1, places it at approximately \$4,000,000. The banks in Vernon are The Herring National, The Waggoner National, The Farmers' State and the First Guaranty State. The combined capital and surplus of the four banks is \$700,000 and the combined resources at this time, amounts to several millions of dollars.

Vernon banks have prospered because of their liberal and yet secure policy. As is the case in all good agricultural communities the banks have made their loans mainly among the farming class, but the fact that Wilbarger county is one of the best farming sections of the state, has caused the banks here to prosper more than usual. The banks have met every need of the farmer and the stockman, and though in the period following the boom, they had to retrench to a certain extent, they have not been forced to cut down on their loans in hard times nearly so much as have banks in some of the larger cities, and have always been able to care for the needs of the people of the county.

What is true of banks in Vernon applies as well to banks in the other towns of the county, and while the banks in other smaller communities are not so large as these here, their statements show them to be in excellent condition.

Record classified ads bring results.

LON BYARS TYPICAL CITIZEN OF WILBARGER COUNTY WHO HAS HAD HARDSHIPS OF PIONEER DAYS

Lon Byars can be considered typical of Wilbarger county. He came to this immediate section of the state just three years before the county was organized and might be said to have grown up with the county. He has thrived with Wilbarger county and now in the prime of life is one of the county's most prosperous retired planters.

The story of Lon Byars' life reads like romance. He was born in Montague county and when just a lad he came to what was Eagle Flats, now Vernon, with his father. They had two prairie schooners to which they drove 12 yoke of oxen and started freighting between Gainesville and Mobeetie and then between Gainesville and Doans as well as to the headquarters for the famous R2 ranch. Mr. Byars said in those days it often took as long as four months to make a round trip between Mobeetie and Gainesville. Mr. Byars, then just a lad, drove one of the ox teams and his father drove the other. With them went Tom and Ben Duffield driving oxen for R. D. Rector, the boss of the R2 ranch and postmaster at Wersham Springs before there was a postoffice in Vernon.

After freighting for three years, Mr. Byars homesteaded land and first started farming on 211 acres at the old Byars home a few miles east of Vernon. Gradually he bought more land and his holdings increased to several thousands of acres of land, most of it among the best land in Wilbarger county.

Mr. Byars had all the trials of the pioneer that he was. In those days nothing came easy. As a boy he learned to crack the long whip over the 12 yoke of oxen to suffer all the privations that came with the outdoor life the year around on the open prairies and, in fact, though just a boy he had to be a real man. There was little trouble from Indians, Mr. Byars said, at that time for though Indians were numerous they were almost always friendly. But there were other hardships to be suffered and he had his share. The wagons would bring

supplies from Gainesville and would go back loaded with buffalo bones and hides.

That year after year Lon Byars worked and saved. He never became discouraged, no matter what happened and stuck by this section when others left. He said in all his life here he has not seen but one crop failure and that was in 1896, long before they started growing cotton. That year the limited crop did nothing and the people suffered hardships. Several times since that time there have been bad years and many people left, but Mr. Byars stuck it out. In 1895 the most severe sandstorm in the history of this country prevailed for three days. It was on April 3, 4 and 5 and Mr. Byars said his chickens were blown by the wind and would hide under some small bush only to be covered up with sand and smothered. Sand banked up against his big pen until it was covered and cattle suffocated. The sun was not visible for the three days and after the sandstorm quit Mrs. Byars urged him to leave. But he stuck it out and even that year he made some late grain.

Mr. Byars said he has sold corn as cheap as 18 cents per bushel. He gathered it himself and made a fair wage out of his crop but that was all. Many years he has faced hardships that would have driven less hardy men to leave the country, but not Lon Byars. He was a pioneer of the old school and was not a quitter. He knew that this particular strip of country would produce more crops year in and year out than any other section of the state and he knew that some day its value would be realized. He knew that the sub-irrigated lands of Pecos River valley could be depended upon at all times.

And so it has been that year after year the county has become more densely populated and Vernon has grown as well as have other communities in the county. Now Wilbarger county is recognized as the garden spot of the great Panhandle country and is one of the

leading counties in the nation from the standpoint of home owners.

And with the prosperity of Wilbarger county, Mr. Byars has prospered. When he moved into Vernon three years ago he had 4,000 acres of land and \$18,000 in the bank. That was all made from a start of \$5 in cash and a Mexican pony which were all his worldly possessions when he started farming in 1883.

C. D. Greene and B. Daniels went to Olney Sunday and visited the oil fields near that place.

C. H. Hambley returned to his home in Dallas, Saturday night after a visit with his brother, J. W. Hambley.

Queer Feelings

"Some time ago, I was very irregular," writes Mrs. Cora Robie, of Pikeville, Ky. "I suffered a great deal, and knew I must do something for this condition. I suffered mostly with my back and a weakness in my limbs. I would have dreadful headaches. I had hot flashes and very queer feelings, and oh, how my head hurt! I read of

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The Woman's Tonic

and of others, who seemed to have the same troubles I had, being benefited, so I began to use it. I found it most beneficial. I took several bottles . . . and was made so much better I didn't have any more trouble of this kind. It regulated me."

Cardui has been found very helpful in the correction of many cases of painful female disorders, such as Mrs. Robie mentions above. If you suffer as she did, take Cardui—a purely vegetable, medicinal tonic, in use for more than 40 years. It should help you. Sold Everywhere.

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The Studebaker has combined beauty in Automobiles with the last word in staunchness, ease of riding and economy.

To own and ride in a Studebaker stamps you as a person of good judgment. That you will be satisfied is assured. Studebakers are built to stand great wear and to spin off miles after miles with the same ease and comfort as when they are new. Let us show you the many new Studebakers and assist you in the selection of an automobile suited for your individual needs. 1924 our New Year's Resolution is to maintain a vice for all Studebaker owners that will serve to fullest.

Robinson Motor Co.
Vernon, Texas

RED BABY rendered able service to the last year on her regular through the county load of standard passenger implements. Watch for our car it will save time and a trip to town.



More Than Fifty Years of Successful Merchandising Based on Confidence

In 1872 the foundation was laid for the gigantic retail business structure, of which the Dixon Dry Goods Company forms a part. In that year J. D. Baker, now deceased, started a small store in Granbury, Texas. The motto for that little store was "Deal with the public on confidence," and it remains the central idea of the policy of the system of affiliated stores of the Baker-Hanna interests. Today the retail stores of this concern number sixteen, supplemented with a great wholesale dry goods house in Oklahoma City, and doing business in Texas and Oklahoma.

Vernon Store Opened in 1913

The Vernon link in the Baker-Hanna store system was opened in January, 1913, when the clothing business of Smith, Huff & Collins was acquired. J. A. Dixon was manager, with E. T. Pope, now manager of the Clarendon Mercantile Company, a Baker-Hanna enterprise, as assistant manager. The total value of the opening stock was about \$15,000 and only 2,500 square feet of floor space was used. Now the Dixon Dry Goods Company carries a stock of approximately \$100,000 and 10,000 square feet of floor space is occupied by the business. This gives some idea of the growth of the business in Vernon. Two stores have since been established from Vernon, one at Chillicothe, under the firm name of Dixon, Kennerly & Company, with J. F. Graham, formerly of the Vernon store, as manager, and another at Clarendon with E. T. Pope as manager.

Growth Is Not Accidental

The growth of the Vernon store, along with the other stores of Baker-Hanna system, is not the result of accident. It has demonstrated the business sagacity and vindicated the motto of the original Baker store at Granbury—that of basing business relations on confidence. Honest merchandise, made by reputable manufacturers, backed by a guarantee of quality and fair pricing is responsible for the growth of the Baker-Hanna stores into one of the great merchandising organizations of the Southwest. The combined buying power of this great organization is behind each one of the sixteen retail stores in the chain. This advantage is passed on to the customer in lower prices than he would have to pay for merchandise of the same quality in a store of limited outlet and limited buying power. Following are some of the standard lines carried in Vernon:

FOR WOMEN

Dove under garments—Beautiful well made lingerie for the fastidious woman.
Famous Gossard Corsets for health and beauty of figure.
Kayser silk underwear and hosiery for women and misses.
Shirley Stiles, dresses for juniors and petite women.
Peggy Paige Dresses for women and misses.
Mallinson's silk de luxe dependable style and quality.
Pelgram & Meyer highest grade silks for dresses or undies.
La Porte woolen fabrics the last word in style.
Colonial Drapery fabrics wear-well blankets, sheets and sheeting. Dependable goods from Marshall Field & Co.
Munsing Wear Union Suits for women and children who want the best.

The Famous Wayne Knit Hosiery for women and girls.

"Chanut" reliable French kid gloves for dress.

Edwin Clapp, Boyd Welch, Knipendorff, Dittman fine dress shoes for women.

Billiken Shoes for children.

The famous Belber Trunks and Traveling Bags for dependable service.

FOR MEN

Hart Schaffner & Marx Fine Clothes for business or special occasions.

"Frat" clothes for young men, tailored by Seinsheimer & Co. of Cincinnati.

"Rico Rochester" clothes for men, tailored by "Reub Isaac's & Co." of Rochester.

"Stetson" Hats, the old reliable hat that has stood the test of time.

"Mallory" Hats, the hats of quality and style.

"Manhattan" Shirts, fine tailoring and reliable wear.

"Munsing Wear" the most reliable underwear for men and boys.

"Interwoven" Sox for men, hosiery you can depend on.

"Edwin Clapp" fine dress shoes for men or young men.

"Howard & Foster" fine dress shoes and long wear.

"Edmond" foot fitter shoes for service. The old reliable Red-Wing shoes for work and service.

"Rodeo" outing and work clothes, Western-Made.

FOR BOYS

"Perfection" fine clothes tailored by Seinsheimer, the boys' suit for style and wear.

"Kaynee" wash suits, shirts and Blouses for boys.

"Ruf-It" Play suits, shirts and union-alls for boys.

"Billiken" shoes for dress or school wear.

We face the New Year with confidence and with a renewed pledge to the patrons of this store of highest quality merchandise at lowest prices possible to a great system of chain stores, made possible by co-operative and unified methods of buying and selling. We wish for each one of our friends and patrons a generous measure of happiness and prosperity for the New Year.

Dixon Dry Goods Co.

J. A. DIXON, Manager

1923 LYNCHINGS TOTAL ONLY 28

RECORDS SHOW DECREASE OF
MORE THAN 50 PER CENT
UNDER 1922

R. R. Morton, principal of Tuskegee Institute for Negroes, has sent out the following annual report of lynchings in the United States during the passing year:

"I find that there were 28 persons lynched in 1923. This is 29 less than the number 57 for the year 1922. Thirteen of the persons lynched were taken from the hands of the law, 7 from jails and 6 from officers of the law outside of jails.

"We also find that there were 46 instances in which officers of the law prevented lynchings. Four women, 3 white and 1 colored, were among those thus saved. Six of these preventions of lynchings were in Northern states and 40 in Southern States. In 37 of the cases the prisoners were removed, or the guards augmented or other precautions taken. In the 9 other instances, armed force was used to repel the would be lynchers. In 8 instances during the year persons charged with being connected with lynching mobs were brought to trial. Of the 52 persons thus before the courts only 2 were sent to the penitentiary.

"Of the 28 persons lynched in 1923, 26 were Negroes and 2 were whites; two of the former were women, 7 or one-fourth of those put to death were charged with rape or attempted rape; one of the victims were burned to death; one was put to death and then the body was burned. The charge against the one burned to death was murder.

"The offenses charged against the whites were: Participation in strike depredations, 1, being taken as a Negro, 1, the offenses charged against the Negroes were: murder, 3; murderous assault, 2; rape, 6; attempted rape, 1; killing officer of the law, 2; wounding officer of the law, 2; no charge reported, 1. The man charged with rape was 1; resisting posse search for man charged with rape, 1; cattle stealing, 1; "trying to act like white man and not knowing his place" 1; insulting woman, 1; peeping in window, 1; striking man in altercation 1.

The nine states in which lynchings occurred and the number in each state are as follows: Arkansas, 2; Florida, 8; Georgia, 4; Louisiana, 1; Mississippi, 8; Missouri, 1; Oklahoma, 1; Texas, 2; Virginia, 1.

Record classified ads bring results

Man Cardinals Are Created.



Cardinal Gallie
Cardinal Lucidi

At a recent secret consistory in Rome Pope Pius elevated to the Cardinalate Monsignor Aurelio Gallie, director general of the Vatican Museum, and Monsignor Evariste Lucidi, papal auditor, both Italians.

Shortest of Sentences.

What is believed to be the record for short sentences, pronounced in Fresno county, California, was imposed on George Leicht, charged with vagrancy. The judge ordered Leicht held in custody for fifteen minutes, after which he was to leave Fresno. The fifteen-minute sentence was pronounced to separate Leicht and his pal, who was arrested on the same charge.

To Keep Flowers Fresh.

Household flowers will stay fresh longer than usual if you put a few slices of white soap into the water in which they are kept.

Try a Record Want Ad.

Real Estate Transfers.

T. H. Shive to W. B. McCaleb, lots 7 and 8 of the Webb Subdivision of block 12, Texas Townsite Company's addition to Vernon.

First Guaranty State Bank of Vernon, to J. J. Manis, north 27 1-2 feet of lots 13, 14, 15 and 16, block 13, original town of Vernon.

L. G. Showers et al to L. P. Douglas, W 1-2 Section 22, Block 13, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. Survey.

Lloyd Sigler to J. P. Minarik, blocks 11 and 13, Bacon and Bentley Addition to Vernon.

E. G. Stevens et al to A. B. Garland, E 1-2 of lot 15 and all of lot 16, block 11, town of Odell.

T. P. Lisman and wife to W. I. Vaughn, West half of Section 14, block 16, of the H. & T. C. Ry. Co. Surveys.

Margaret Webb et al to John F. Hardison, E 1-2 of S. W. 1-4 of Sec. 89, Block 14, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. Survey.

Cleve Hamilton et al to C. P. Hamilton, all interest in estate of J. P. Hamilton, deceased.

W. W. Wright et al to Esther Smith, North 50 feet of South one-third of Block 49, South Addition to Vernon.

A. H. Ward et al to Grady Johnson, North half of lot 1, block 82, Robinson Addition to Vernon.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church to Red River Primitive Baptist Church of Vernon 118.7 feet by 180.8 feet out of Section 16, block 12, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. Survey.

Fred Mung et al to W. M. Thompson, 78 acres in Section 15, Block 10, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. Survey.

Cox, Morris & Pigg to Mrs. J. T. Williams, lot 1, block 11, West Vernon Heights Addition to Vernon.

Charlotte Van Trotha Montgomery to E. C. Bennett, lots 3 and 4, block 2, North Addition to Vernon.

Jessie S. Mason et al to R. L. Olive, 157 acres out of Southeast Quarter of Section 37, Block 15, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. Survey.

R. L. Olive to R. T. Olive, 140 acres out of Southeast corner of Section 12, Block 11, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. Survey.

R. J. Bailey et al to J. T. Garrett, lots 5 and 6, block 5, T. H. Jones Addition to Vernon.

J. L. Showers to H. L. Bonner, lots 11 and 12, Block 92, original town of Vernon.

Leon L. Arnold to H. C. Hancock and Harry Staleup, E 1-2 of Sec. 61, Block 15, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. Survey.

G. W. Smith et al to P. H. Holtzer, lots 1, 2, 7 and 8, block 7, Bacon & Bentley Addition to Vernon.

D. Magness et al to Lily Halford, north half of the west half of Section 45, block 12, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. Survey.

D. Magness et al to S. B. Halford, South half of West half of Section 45, Block 12, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. Survey.

J. D. Summerour et al to T. S.

LEEDS BRINGS HIS PRINCESS HOME.



William B. Leeds, Princess Xenia & Prince Dimitri

Tired of life in Europe, William B. Leeds, son of the former "Tin Plate King," whose mother afterward became Princess Anastasia, of Greece, has returned to America with his wife, who was Princess Xenia, descendant from the Russian royalty. They were accompanied by Prince Dimitri, a Russian refugee.

Davis, lots 4 and 5, block 39, original town of Vernon.

Panhandle Townsite Company to S. B. Halford, block 24A Original Town of Vernon.

Charlotte Von Trotha Montgomery to Panhandle Townsite Company, Lot 5, Block 24A, Original town of Vernon.

Lou C. Winn to Rebecca Crow, lot 4, Block 1, of the Lou Winn, Rebecca Crow Subdivision of block 1, Elliott & Sitterly Addition to Vernon.

R. F. Holcomb et al to S. E. West, Lots 9 and 10, block 5, town of Odell.

C. C. Bristo et al to J. A. Balis, East 101 feet of a 1-acre tract out of the Southwest corner of Subdivision 41, Waggoner Colony lands.

J. G. Bryant to C. H. Bryant, 33.4 acres of the Martha Spikes Survey, and 7 acres of the B. J. Norris Survey.

Mrs. J. B. Moore left Saturday for her new home at Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Munger and little daughter, Louise, returned home Saturday from an extended stay in Dallas.

T. L. Rouse spent the week end in Memphis. Mrs. Rouse has been visiting relatives there and she accompanied him home.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. White and family and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bishop, Jr., and family, of Frederick, Okla., spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bishop of Childress.

Gross Income Is Defined for Tax Payers in 1924

Every single persons whose net income for the year 1923 was \$1,000 or more or whose gross income was \$5,000 or more, and every married couple (living together) whose net income was \$2,000 or more or whose gross income was \$5,000 or more, must file an income tax return.

Broadly speaking, gross income is all income received by the taxpayer during the year from salary or wages, business, trade, profession or vocation, dealing in property, interest, rent, or dividends, or from the transaction of any business carried on for profit. Net income is gross income, less certain specified deductions for business expenses, bad debts, taxes, etc.

The exemptions are \$1,000 for single persons, \$2,500 for married couples (living together) whose net income for 1923 was \$5,000 or less, and \$2,000 for married couples whose net income was in excess of \$5,000. An additional credit of \$400 is allowed for each person (other than husband or wife) dependent upon the taxpayer for chief support if such person is under 18 years of age or incapable of self-support because physically or mentally defective.

Prick the Skin.

If you prick the skins of apples before putting them into the oven to bake, they will not burst and will retain their shape.

OLD MASONIC RELICS GIVEN SCOTTISH RITE

Minneapolis, Minn.—The Scottish Rite bodies of Minneapolis have received a gift of some rare and priceless relics which are to be placed in the library for the use of Masonic students. The gift includes an old English Bible, printed in Old English type, bearing the date of 1579, the time of Queen Elizabeth; an ivory gavel on which were carved the square and compasses and the dates 1771-1776; a large Bible printed in Latin and

dated 1602; a New Testament in Latin, printed in 1531; a book entitled "Temple of Solomon Spiritualized," printed in London in 1771; old legal parchments bearing the date of 1736; a New York newspaper, chronicling the death of George Washington; two old medals, one a French Masonic medal bearing an inscription which translated reads "Liberty, Equality, Fraternity," the other was one given to some early explorer, and a \$60 United States bill, printed in 1773.

Miss Maldee Lunsford has returned to Canyon where she is attending the Northwest Texas Normal, after a visit with Mrs. A. Ross.

M. C. Culbertson has returned from a business trip to Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Holder and Mr. Girdle Thomson accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thurston, of Electra, were guests Christmas day, of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Samuel.

In Sincere Appreciation

We wish to thank our friends who have helped make 1923, not only the best since we have been selling the famous Pacific Mutual Policy that "Pays 5 Ways," but the best of the entire seventeen years we have spent in Vernon and Wilbarger County.

We are glad so many appreciate our policy, that it is better to sell something a little better at a little saving in cost to the customer, even though our profit may be considerably smaller.

We thank you and wish for you everything that is for your good in 1924.

DEWEY WILSON

Dist. Agent Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Co.

Sec. Vernon Mutual Life and Accident Association
(A Local Mutual Aid Association, Unincorporated)

More Than a Quarter of a Century of Service

This bank was organized back in the days when Vernon was nothing more than a village with only a few scattering frame shacks and Wilbarger County was a vast stretch of grazing land, with very little of its fertile soil in cultivation. The Herring National Bank has been identified with the growth and development of the town and county from the very start. Our officers and directors understood and appreciated the fact that this institution could grow only as the community surrounding it grew and developed, and have supported every movement to assist in the development of Wilbarger County. This interest and co-operation has not been limited to the customers of this institution, although our first consideration has always been to safeguard and advance the interests of those who entrusted us with their banking business. The growth of this institution is the result of a service well rendered—service to our customers and service to the community.

WE EXTEND OUR BEST WISHES TO OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS
FOR A PROSPEROUS AND HAPPY YEAR OF SERVICE DURING 1924.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$250,000

The Herring National Bank

C. T. HERRING, President
L. K. JOHNSON, Vice President
G. C. MORRIS, Cashier

W. D. BERRY, Director
JOE C. SUMNER, Director
CY LONG, Director
R. W. ABBOTT, Director

M. K. BERRY, Director
J. D. SUMMEROUR, Director
P. M. MORRIS, Director

WILBARGER HAS SPLENDID RURAL SCHOOL SYSTEM

Buildings and Equipment Are Modern and Courses of Instruction Broad Enough to Include a Very Solid Foundation

Wilbarger county schools rank among the highest rural schools in the state of Texas. There are 36 schools in the county, exclusive of the Vernon Public Schools, and they are so scattered as to serve all of the farming belt and the ranching section of the county. In addition to having an ample supply of schools to serve the ever increasing population, the rural schools have generally well equipped buildings and many of them have modern teacherages. Some of the buildings are as modern as the city schools and many of them are of brick.

In equipment and construction the rural schools have attracted the attention of state school officials, but the work being done has also attracted wide attention. County Supt. L. A. Hollar has worked hard to build up the standard of the rural schools. The courses of instruction have been broadened to serve the rural pupil and teach the things the pupils will need as fundamentals in case they never go to higher schools.

Both the Harrold and Oklamoon schools have been given additional credits of affiliation in 1923 and are striving for more with practical assurance that they will be given additional credits in 1924. Elliott has completed a new brick school building and other buildings in the county have been renovated during the last few months, or just before the opening of the school term.

In many of the schools, the pupils are being served with hot lunches free. These lunches are to supplement the lunches brought by the pupils. The school purchases the stove and cooking utensils, and each pupil brings some article of negative value, so that all bringing articles of food, they are served one day with hot soup, another day with hot chocolate and various other dishes are served, one each day.

The building up of the schools in the county to the present high standard has been made possible by the splendid class of citizens. Wilbarger county is said to have a greater percentage of of home owners in the rural communities in comparison with the population than any other county in the state. They are progressive people, have

modern homes, do modern farming and insist on modern schools so their children can get the best possible foundation for their educations.

Three Hospitals Here to Handle Emergency Cases

Vernon is well supplied with hospitals. There are three here and while none of them are very large they are all absolutely modern structures with modern equipment and operated by men who stand high in their profession.

Because of the nearness of Vernon to the oil fields and because of the thickly settled territory around, the hospitals here serve a purpose all their own. Wilbarger county is one of the healthiest sections of Texas and if hospitals depended upon persons who are simply ill to make a living then none of them could do business here, but in every thriving city, every progressive community and especially in every oil field territory there are always emergency cases which demand hospital treatment.

The Standifer and Caylor hospital, the Moore Brothers Hospital and the Vernon Hospital are the three here and all of them have efficient forces of nurses.

Miss Irby Cooke, teacher in the Harrold schools, is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Dewey Wilson.

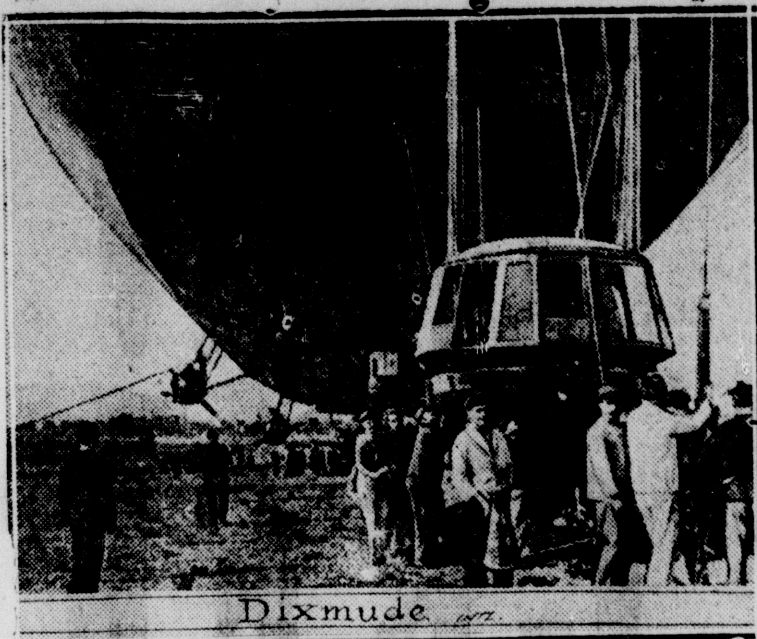
Noted British Publisher Is Touring America.



Lord Beaverbrook.

The Right Honorable Lord Beaverbrook, owner and publisher of a large number of the most influential dailies in Great Britain, has arrived in New York for another tour of America.

DIXMUDE BUILT TO BOMB NEW YORK.



Above is shown the control car of the missing French dirigible Dixmude, originally the Zeppelin L-72. The immense airship, which held the world's record for a 113-hour sustained flight, was built by the Germans during the World War for the express purpose of bombarding New York City from the air.

Diplomacy.

The Young Bride (looking in window of jewelry store)—George, I'd love to have that bracelet.

The Husband—I can't afford to buy it for you, dear.

The Bride—But if you could, you would, wouldn't you?

The Husband—I'm afraid not.

The Bride—Why?

The Husband—It isn't good enough, dear.

The Bride—Oh, you darling!

Dad's Calculations.

Father—No, young man, you are too young to marry my daughter.

You are scarcely twenty and she is twenty-eight. . . . Wait ten years. You will then be thirty—and she will certainly be the same.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hooper have returned from Victoria where they have been visiting for about two weeks.

POULTRY MEANS MANY THOUSAND

FARMERS HAVE READY CASH
BECAUSE OF HIGH GRADE
POULTRY HERE

Wilbarger county is famous all over Texas for its poultry industry. Only a few years ago there were but few pens of pure bred poultry in the county, most of the farmers having mixed breeds and making no effort to raise the grade of their pens.

But a few men with forethought brought in pure bred chickens and demonstrated the vast advantage of raising such fowls and then others began to be interested. Then the Wilbarger County Poultry Association was organized and annual poultry shows were started with the result that hundreds of farmers and townspeople began to take an interest in raising pure bred poultry until now the value of poultry and poultry products in Wilbarger county is valued annually at approximately \$1,000,000.

Wilbarger County eggs, chickens and turkeys are known in all the big markets. They bring top prices on the markets because they are the best. The poultry products bring thousands of dollars of ready

cash into the homes of the people during the year and constitute an industry which is destined to fast become among the most important in the county.

All Highways to Be Marked for Tourist to Read

The National Highway Association is leading a campaign to have all roads market and the names of all towns the roads lead to posted on the roads as well as to have all points of interest along the highways marked.

The following statement of the marking campaign has been sent out:

"What town is this?" All tourists have asked the question hundreds of times. Progressive towns put the name of their city on signs at the city limits, just as they also put "through arrows" to guide the traveler.

"What road is this?" is asked almost as often, especially on the less traveled highways. Main traveled roads are rapidly being marked, so that the visitor from afar is not confused.

"What river is this?" is often a matter of wonder to the motorist, who passes over several branches of the same stream, alongside a lake, or over a bridge without

knowing what body of water it is which he crosses or passes.

The League of American Pen Women is asking the various State Highway Commissions to place suitable markers near famous streams to inform the traveling public. It is a laudable work, but why the traveler wants to know, stop at famous streams? Why not mark all bodies of water on or near any and all roads, so that the traveler may get better acquainted with the country through which he passes?

Municipalities find it pays to welcome the tourist, to guide him surely and quickly, to make him feel at home. The "Stop! Ten miles an hour under penalty of the law" sign is disappearing in favor of "Our speed limit is fifteen miles hour; please observe it, as we make you welcome" type of sign. With the latter goes the courteous work of road markers and stream markers, worthy work for any civic club take up, that the municipality visited with joy and remember with pleasure.

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Appears Plausible. Professor of Anthropology—It said that the first man was found in India.

Cood—Who found him, professor? Professor—That is not stated. Doubtless, some woman.

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BACK OF THE FARMING INDUSTRY

Agriculture is the basic industry and the chief support of the people of Wilbarger County. It is the one great source of wealth, and this bank, through its officers and directors, has since its organization adhered to the policy of looking first to the interests of the farmers of Wilbarger County, believing that in so doing it was rendering the largest possible service to all classes of people and to town and country alike. As a part of this business policy The First Guaranty State Bank has considered that the farmers of the county have first call on the resources of this institution. The growth of our business and the increase in the number of customers that avail themselves of this Bank's service is proof of the wisdom of this banking policy. We have always stood back of the farmers in their efforts to secure better prices and supported every movement that has had for its object the advancement of the farmers of this county. We believe that when we serve the farmers, who are the wealth producers of our community and the mainstay of every successful business in Vernon, we are serving Vernon's best interests.

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J. B. ROSS, Asst. Cashier

LIBRARY GETS MANY VOLUMES

VERAL GOOD BOOKS HAVE
BEEN RECEIVED DURING
HOLIDAYS

Some new books recently placed
on the shelves of the Library. Most
of them are new copies of old titles:
"The Return of the Native," by
Thomas Hardy.

"The Prophet of Great Smoky
Mountains," by Charles Egbert
Smith.

"Thirty-One Years on the Plains
and on the Mountains," an authen-
tic record of a life-time of hunting,
trapping, scouting and Indian
fighting in the far west, by Capt.
William F. Dranner.

"The Happy Warrior," by A. S.
Hutchinson.

David Balfour, by Robert Louis
Stevenson.

"The Pentecost of Calamity," by
John Wister.

The tragedy of Germany is vividly
depicted in this book. This tragedy
Mr. Winter sees to have been the
state of mind that made it possible
that great nation to "spring at
the throat of an unsuspecting and
prepared world."

"Rudder Grange," by Frank
Stockton.

"Diana of the Crossings," by
George Meredith.

"Barchester Towers," by Anth-
ony Trollope.

"The Piper," by Josephine Pres-
cott Peabody.

"Mansfield Park," by Jane Aus-
tin.

"Ethan Frome," by Edith Whar-
ter.

"My Lady Pokahontas," by John
Steen Cook.

"History of Pendergast," Wm. M.
Hackett.

Popular Fiction.

"The Long Chance," by Peter B.
Reeve.

"The Wrong Twin," by Harry
son Wilson.

"Somehow Good," William De
organ.

"My Lady of the North," by Ran-
dall Parrish.

"My Lady of the South," by
Randall Parrish.

"Tutt and Mr. Tutt," by Arthur
Tappan.

"Ken Ward in the Jungle," by
John Grey.

"The House of Helen," by Cora
arris.

"The Case and the Girl," by
Randall Parrish.

"The Enemies of Women," by
Incente Blasco Ibanez.

"The Soul of Ann Rutledge," by
Ernie Babcock.

"Ladies in Waiting," by Kate
Douglas Wiggin.

"Tales of Secret Egypt," by Sax
Rohmer.

"The Heritage of the Sioux," by
M. Bower.

"Much Ado About Peter," by
John Webster.

"Desert Gold," by Zane Grey.

"Riders of the Purple Sage," by
Zane Grey.

"K." by Mary Roberts Rinehart.

"Josselyn's Wife," by Kathleen
Morris.

"The Coming of Cassidy," by
Larence Mulford.

Children's Books.

"Twinkle's Enchantment," by
Laura Bancroft.

"How Mr. Rabbit Lost His Tail,"
by Albert Gieglow Paine.

"The Little House in the Woods,"
by Clara Whitehill Hunt.

"The Corner House Girl's Snow
bound," by Grace Brooks Hill.

"Little Men," by Louise M. Al-
cott.

"The Corner House"

"How to Have Bird Neighbors,"
by S. Louise Patterson.

"The Red Fairy Book," by An-
drew Lang.

"Robinson Crusoe," by Daniel
Defoe.

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read and enacted by the children of
the world. It was the most popular
fiction of its time. It was one of
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day. In this new edition it con-
tains over one hundred illustra-
tions by the well known illustrator
of juveniles, Louis Read.

"The Grey Fairy Book," by An-
drew Lang.

"The Corner House Girls Among
the Gypsies," by Grace Brooks Hill.

Ex-Premier's Cousin Hub Soda Clerk.



Alfred Briand, descendant of one
of the most prominent families in
France, is content to be a soda
water clerk in a Boston drug store.
Briand is the cousin of Aristide
Briand, ex-Premier of France, and
Alexander Briand, known to all
Europe as the Archbishop of La Ro-
che.

"Understood Betsy," by Dorothy
Canfield.

"Donald and Dorothy," by Mary
Mapes Dodge.

"How Mr. Dog Got Even," by Al-
bert Begelow Paine.

"The Lost Prince," by Frances
Hodgson Burnett.

"Making Up With Mr. Gog," by
Albert Begelow Paine.

"Eight Cousins," by Louise M.
Alcott.

"When Sarah Went to School,"
Elsie Singmaster.

"The Birds' Christmas Carol," by
Kate Douglas Wiggin.

"Two College Girls," by Helen
Dawes Brown.

"The Boys Book of Mounted Po-
lice," by Irving Crump.

"Penrod and Sam," by Booth
Tarkington.

"Polly of the Hospital Staff," by
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"High Benton Worker," by Willi-
am Heyliger.

"Nobody's Boy," by Hector Mal-
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"Cornelia," by Lucy Fitch Per-
kins.

"Polly of Lady Gay Cottage," by
Emma C. Dowd.

"Rainbow Valley," by L. M.
Montgomery.

"Told by Uncle Remus," by Joel
Chandler Harris.

"That Year at Lincoln High," by
Joseph Gollomb.

"Miss Santa Claus of the Pull-
man," by Annie Fellows Johnston.

"Captain Fair and Square," by
William Heyliger.

"Locusts and Wild Honey," by
John Burroughs.

"Little Women," by Louise M. Al-
cott.

"Ja's Boys," by Louise M. Alcott.

Journalism Will Be Taught When College Re-Opens

Abilene, Dec. 27.—Courses in
journalism will be offered at Sim-
mons College in the winter and
spring terms in response to the in-
creasing demand on the part of
college students everywhere for
work in this line. Instruction in
newspaper reporting and editing
will be given with some study of
the feature article. Students will
be required to do practical work in
newspaper lines, and the college
paper will be used as a sort of
laboratory.

Professor L. Q. Campbell, who is
on leave of absence from Simmons
for the present year doing special
graduate work in English introduc-
ed the courses in journalism in
Simmons two years ago and had
very popular classes in this line.

President J. D. Sandefur recent-
ly announced that Miss Mildred
Paxton, who holds a degree in
journalism from the Pulitzer school
of Journalism, Columbia Universi-
ty, New York City, and has had
actual newspaper experience has

been secured to give the courses in
journalism for the coming terms.
Miss Paxton is an A. B. graduate
from Simmons, class of 1917, and
received her Master of Arts degree
from the University of Texas in
1918. She took the B. Litt. degree
from Columbia school of journal-
ism in 1921. In addition to her
newspaper work she has handled
publicity for the University of
Texas and for Simmons College at
various periods.

INFLAMED UDDER OF COW MAY BE AVOIDED BY FEED

It is seldom, if ever, necessary to
milk a cow before freshening. If
the bag is badly swollen and milk
drips from the teats, it is some-
times a good idea to relieve the bag
by drawing a little milk but the
mere presence of inflammation and
"caked" in the udder does not neces-
sarily mean that the milking should
be done. It is much better to leave
the cow alone in this regard as the
last few days before freshening the
cow secretes a peculiar quality of
milk called colostrum in her udder,
which is very essential to the
new-born calf as it acts as a purga-
tive and helps to clear out his sys-
tem. Excessive difficulty from in-
flammation and caked udders may
be avoided by giving laxative feeds.

Mrs. Reed Smith and daughter,
Annette, spent the week-end in Chil-
dress visiting relatives.

Judge J. A. Nabers left yesterday
for Live Oak County where he went
on business. Judge Nabers owns
a large farm in the vicinity of
George West.

Judge and Mrs. S. A. L. Morgan
and family of Wichita Falls were
guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Far-
rell and Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Stokes,
Sunday.

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Won Prize for Essay on Highway Safety.



Miss Teresa M. Lenny, teacher in
the New Rochelle, N. Y., public
schools, was the winner among
60,000 other teachers in the 1922
national contest conducted by the
Highway Education Board for the
best "practical lesson on highway
safety." She receives \$500 and a
trip to Washington, with all ex-
penses paid.

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MEXICAN REBELS SHOWN IN ACTION.



This picture, taken under fire, shows the de la Huerta rebel troops
in action in the Vera Cruz district, under bombardment and rifle fire
from the loyal Obregon attackers. One man is shown dead on the back
of his shallow trench.